



Mid Am League Conditions 2021

Rule		Mid-Amateur
1	General	The following are the Rules and Conditions governing the Mid Am League run under the control of the Executive of WPG.
2	Trophy / Shield	The Mid Am League shall compete for the Mid Am shield. Teams representing competing Clubs shall compete for the shield annually. The name of the Club winning the competition shall be engraved on the shield, and the Club shall be the holder of the trophy until the end of the following competition.
3	Rules of the Competition	Play shall be strictly in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews. The Local Rules, in effect on the day of play at the venue of each match, shall apply.
4	Team Eligibility	Only Clubs affiliated to WPG or invited by WPG may compete in the league.
5	Player Eligibility	Players must be registered full golfing members of the competing Club and handicapped at that Club. Only players aged of 30(thirty) or above are eligible to compete in any given match during this League. A player who has represented his Club in any other league during the season cannot play for any other Club in any league during the same season, unless permission is received from the WPG Executive. Any player suspended from a Club or suspended from the Leagues in terms of the Constitution of WPG or League Rules of the WPG is not eligible to represent any Club during his period of suspension. <u>Mid-am League (12 teams; 2 sections; 5 round robin fixtures)</u> Any player who has played 4 or more games in the Masters League is ineligible for the knockout stages of the Mid-Amateur League.
6	Team Managers	Team managers are not permitted.
7	Composition of the League/s	The League will consist of the number of teams in the relevant draw. Each team will play all other teams in the league.
8	Composition of the Teams	Each team shall consist of 8 players, 4 to play at 'Home' and 4 to play 'Away'.
9	Format of the League	The format of the League is singles match play off scratch. The league shall be played over 18 holes on a home and away basis with 4 games being played at home and 4 games away. As agreed at the 2019 Mid-Amateur league meeting (but delayed due to Covid), the 2021 Season will be used to seed the Mid-Amateur league as of 2022. The format of the league from 2022 will be strength vs strength (similar to the Premier and Reserve leagues). For the 2022 Mid-Amateur league, teams will be split into an A and B section. The allocation of teams into these sections will be determined by the finishing positions of the teams in 2021. Thereafter the winner of the B section will be promoted to the A section. The team finishing last in the A section will be relegated to the B section.



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10	Scoring	The team winning the most games on the day will be declared the winner of the match. Games that are tied at the end of 18 holes shall not proceed beyond the 18th green, but shall be considered halved games. A team that wins a match outright will be awarded 2 points. If the match is halved each team will be awarded 1 point. Should a course at a venue become unplayable during a match or before a match commences the result at that venue will be a draw, each pair being awarded a halved game. Provided the other venue remains playable, the 4 games played at the other venue shall determine the result.
11	Winner of the League	The semi-finals will be played on a home-and-away basis and the final at a venue arranged by the WPG. In the event of a tie the winner of a semi-final or final will be the team that scored the most accumulated points. If there is still a tie, the winner of the semi-final will be the team that had the higher seeding, while in the final, each club will nominate a pair to play-off for the trophy.
12	Promotion & Relegation	N/A
13	Dates and Venues	Dates of matches shall be arranged by WPG. Should a Club be unable to play their match on the date arranged by WPG that Club may, after consulting with their opponents Club and the WPG, agree to play their match on an alternate date. Should any venue be deemed unsuitable for the playing of League matches, the Executive of WPG reserves the right to exclude or remove matches from such a venue.
14	Starting Times	In accordance with the Rules of Golf, players will start at the times allocated by the 'Home' Club Committee. These times should be allocated in the PM, WPG suggests around 12h30 (unless both clubs agree to AM). The match must be played at similar times at both venues.
15	Submission of Teams	A generic team submission sheet will be used by all clubs. It is the club's responsibility to complete and submit the team prior to the deadline. All clubs must submit their teams via email to WPG on the official team submission sheet by 12h00 on the Thursday prior the match. The names being submitted in playing order. The draw will be sent to the clubs by the Friday preceding the match at 12h00 noon.
16	Substitution of Players	If a player has to be replaced after the draw for a fixture has been distributed, it must be a direct replacement.
17	Submission of Results	The 'Home' Club must notify the WPG of the result of all matches (home and away) via email by 12h00 on the Monday following the match. Failing such, WPG may penalize both teams by deducting 1 point from their accumulated points total on the log. The results at a venue should be provided to the club Captain for announcement at prize giving. If the results are not readily available from the host club, the responsibility for determining the overall result rests with the team Captains.



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18	Local Rules	The Local Rules of the Host Club will be the Rules in force on the day of the match.
19	Tees	The Host Club will stipulate as to which Tees players will use.
20	Player Advice	Assistance in the form advice to any player can only be gained from the players own playing partner. Should a team be in breach of this condition, the rules of golf will be applied, Match play - loss of hole
21	Etiquette & Dress Code	WPG Executive reserves the right to disqualify a player who incurs a serious breach of etiquette during a Mid-Amateur league game as per the Rules of Golf and to discipline a player for bad behaviour on the course and any serious breach of etiquette will be severely dealt with in terms of the Constitution. The following dress code will be applied from the effective date of this version: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teams may wear shorts or longs as long as the colour does not differ. Shorts may not be cargo pants (etc.)• Socks must be white.• Shirts must be tucked in at all times and golf caps worn the correct way. Teams must play in uniform. Players failing to adhere to the above dress code will not be allowed on the course, the host club is to enforce such rules.
22	Scorecards and Handicapping	As per the handicap manual, all scores are to be captured for handicapping purposes.
23	Snacks and Drinks	It is at the sole discretion of the club to provide halfway and drinks after the round. A recommendation of halfway and a drink after the round would be adequate. It is required, barring exceptional circumstances, that the visiting team stays for 2 drinks after the game with host club.
24	Playing Fees	There are no playing fees.
25	Reimbursement	N/A
26	Caddies	Players may use only professional caddies employed by the host Club.
27	Distance Measuring Devices	The use of Laser range-finders and GPS locators, or any equivalent equipment is permitted as per the Rules of Golf.
28	Driven Motorized Golf Carts	The use of driven motorized golf carts is not permitted unless permission has been granted by the WPG. Such permission requires a medical certificate.
29	Withdrawal	Should a team withdraw or be suspended during the course of the season along with a fine of R5000 per team, all their matches in their section will be null and voided. In terms of comparing for seeding all the teams in the group have be adjusted by the appropriate multiple.



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30	Drug Free Sport (Anti-Doping Policy)	All competitors are subject to the provisions of the International Golf Federation's Anti-Doping Policy. Details of the Policy, and the current Prohibited Substances and Methods, are available from the International Golf Federation's website (www.internationalgolfederation.org). Competitors who are taking medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from the South African Golf Association. Random testing may take place. This will include alcohol during the course of play. penalty for breach of this condition will be disqualification of the player for the specified match.
31	Disputes	The Executive Committee of WPG shall appoint a Tournament Committee, and this Committee, whose decision shall be final, will settle all disputes.
32	Changes	The Executive Committee of WPG shall have the right to amend, alter, delete or add to the above Rules at any time.
33	Version	This version of the Rules supersedes all previous versions and is effective from 1 January 2021.