



## Western Province Golf

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### Premier League Conditions for 2021

These rules will govern the league that commences on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and concludes on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2021

1. **GENERAL:** The following are the Rules and Conditions governing the Premier League run under the control of the Executive of WPG.
2. **TROPHY:** Teams shall compete for the Stephan Trophy. Teams representing competing Clubs shall compete for the trophy annually. The name of the Club winning the League shall be engraved on the Stephan Trophy by the winning Club, and the Club shall be the holder of the Trophy until the end of the following League season.
3. **RULES OF THE COMPETITION:** Play shall be strictly in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd.
4. **TEAM ELIGIBILITY:** Only Clubs affiliated to WPG or invited by WPG may compete in the league.
5. **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:** Players must be full registered affiliated members of the competing Club and handicapped at that Club. 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 by permission of the WPG Executive. A player may not represent a Club in two different, non-age-based leagues on the same weekend, unless he has been nominated as a reserve for the Premier League team and represents his Club in the Premier League on that weekend due to the withdrawal of a player. Should a player represent his Club more than three times in the Premier league, he may not represent his Club in any other scratch, non-age-based league, during the same year, unless there are unforeseen circumstances, in which the club must request permission to the WPG league committee for such dispensation. 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 the period of his suspension.
6. **TEAM MANAGERS:** Each team may appoint an official team manager who shall form part of the matches. A team manager is allowed to give advice to the team players, but he may not venture onto any putting green during the playing of any matches. A manager is not considered an outside agency in terms of the rules of golf with regards to his or her team. The name of the manager must be submitted along with the team submission.
7. **COMPOSITION OF THE LEAGUE:** The Premier League will consist of 6 teams. Each team will play all the other teams in the league.

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9. **FORMAT OF THE LEAGUE:** The format of the League is 18 holes foursomes match play in the morning and 18 holes singles match play in the afternoon.
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. Points scoring for individual games shall be 1 point for a win, ½ a point for a tie and 0 points for a loss. The team winning the most games on the day will be declared the winner of the match. In winning a match a team will be awarded 2 points. If a match be halved each team will be awarded 1 point. Should a course at a venue become unplayable during a League match then completed games will count with the uncompleted games being declared draws. The decision for suspension of play will be the committee's and will be communicated clearly too all competitors. Should a venue be unplayable before the match commences the result at that venue will be a draw.
11. **WINNER OF THE LEAGUE:** The team with the most points shall win the league, should there be a tie in a league then the team with the most 'games for' shall be declared the winner. Should the 'games for' be tied then the winner of the League match between the two teams will be declared the winner. If the League match, between the two teams, had resulted in a draw then the drawing Clubs will nominate one player in a singles match play, sudden death after the matches are complete on 7 November 2021, these holes will be determined on the day by the WPG Official.
12. **PROMOTION & RELEGATION:** The team finishing in 6th place will compete in a Promotion & Relegation match against the winner of the Reserve League. The Promotion/Relegation match will consist of 6 players, Foursomes Match play and singles match play to be played. The date for this game will be confirmed, and advised during the season, it will be played on a neutral venue.
13. **DATES & VENUES:** Dates and venues of matches shall be arranged WPG. 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 Rule 5 of the Rules of Golf, players will start at the times allocated by the WPG Executive, should the starting time be missed, penalty under the rules of golf will apply.
15. **SUBMISSION OF TEAMS:** All clubs must submit their teams via email to WPG on the official team submission sheet by 12h00 on the Wednesday prior the match. The names being submitted in playing order, weakest to strongest. The name of the team manager must also be submitted on this sheet.
16. **SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS:** If a player is withdrawn from a team the substitute must be a direct replacement in the foursomes draw. In the singles draw the substitute becomes number 8 in the draw and all other players move up.

17. **SUBMISSION OF RESULTS:** The results will be recorded by the WPG official on duty. Team managers and/or captains are responsible for notifying these officials of their team's results immediately after the conclusion of their last game.
18. **LOCAL RULES:** Typed Local Rules of the Host Club (other than those on the scorecard) are to be given to each player before the commencement of the Premier League match. Each player will also be given the WPG Permanent Local Rules. All matches in the League will be subject to a general rule governing etiquette and slow play, whether such rules appear on the local rules issued on the day or not. Pace of play guidelines will be used by WPG for each venue and a group falling behind schedule and who are out of position in the field will be timed by WPG. As per the amended Rules of Golf, rule 6-7 provides for a penalty of 'loss of hole' against a competitor who makes himself guilty of slow play, and a repeated offender may be disqualified. The pace of play guidelines will be disclosed to players at each venue.
19. **TEES:** Play will be from the stipulated tees identified in the local rules.
20. **PLAYER ADVICE:** Assistance in the form advice to any player can only be gained from the player's own playing partner. Should a team be in breach of this condition, Match play - loss of hole.
21. **ETIQUETTE & DRESS CODE:** The WPG Executive reserves the right to disqualify a player who incurs a serious breach of etiquette during a Harry Solomon game as per the Rules of Golf and to discipline a player for bad behavior on the course and any serious breach of etiquette will be severely dealt with in terms of the Constitution. Teams must play in uniform i.e., same shirts and pants. Players failing to adhere to the above dress code will not be allowed on the course. WPG Code of Conduct will apply.
22. **SCORECARDS & HANDICAPPING:** No scorecards are to be submitted and no scores are allowed to be entered for handicapping purposes.
23. **SNACKS & DRINKS:** Snacks, drinks and meals will be for the individual player's account.
24. **PLAYING FEES:** There will be no playing fees.
25. **REIMBURSEMENT:** Players may be reimbursed for expenses incurred as per the Rules of Amateur Status par 4. The reimbursement must be paid by the Club the player represents and the reimbursement may not be more than the expenses actually incurred. Players may not receive an incentive to play for a Club and WPG will deem any amount in excess of R800 per game paid to players to cover expenses (excluding team clothing) to be regarded as an incentive. Where a Club or Team representative pays the expenses directly to the supplier of goods or services on behalf of a player, the allowance of R800 must be reduced with the cost of the goods or services accordingly.
26. **CADDIES:** Professional caddies employed by the host Club must receive preference. The Club Caddie rules will apply to both Club and imported professional Caddies. A professional Caddie for purposes of the WP Leagues is a person who derives full-time or part-time income from his profession as a golf Caddie and is either registered with an affiliated golf Club Caddie program or through casual association with the Club accepted as a professional Caddie there.

27. **MOTORIZED DRIVEN GOLF CARTS:** Motorized driven golf carts are prohibited.
28. **WITHDRAWAL:** Should a team withdraw or be suspended during the course of the season, all their matches in their section will be null and voided. In terms of comparing for seeding all teams in the group will be adjusted by the appropriate multiple.
29. **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.internationalgolffederation.org](http://www.internationalgolffederation.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 and rest of the day. No replacement players may be used. This above condition for Premier League includes in-between rounds. i.e., break in play between foursomes and singles.
30. **DISPUTES:** The Executive Committee of WPG shall appoint a Tournament Committee, and this Committee, whose decision shall be final, will settle all disputes.
31. **CHANGES:** The Executive Committee of WPG-Men shall have the right to amend, alter, delete or add to the above Rules at any time.
32. **VERSION:** This version of the Rules supersedes all previous versions and is effective from 9 June 2021.