

WESTERN PROVINCE SCHOOLS GOLF LEAGUE RULES 2021

1. Teams are divided into North and South, with each division comprising 3 leagues.
2. Teams will consist of 6 players.
3. With the exception of the C League - games are played on a match-play basis over 9 holes. Holes are won, lost or halved.
4. Each individual player earns 1 point for his/her team with a win and 0.5 points for a draw.
5. The team listed first on the fixture list will be the HOME game.
6. In the A and B leagues – the best player plays number 1 down to the weakest at 6.
7. The order of play must be weakest (no 6) to strongest (no 1), teeing off in that order.
8. Managers must record individual matches' margin of victory i.e. 3/2 or 1 down etc.
9. Once an individual game is over, the players need not continue playing.
10. The team earns 2 points for an overall win and 1 point for a drawn match.
11. C League will compete for stableford points. HANDICAPS WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WITH A PLAYER HAVING NO OFFICIAL HANDICAP THEN HE/SHE PLAYS OFF 18 (18 IS MAXIMUM HANDICAP)
If a player has an official handicap lower than 18 he/she plays off that handicap (this is then subject to the course handicap)
Example - If a player plays off 18 the scoring will be as follows: Birdie – 4 points; Par – 3 points; Bogey – 2 points; Double bogey 1 point.
12. C League – four out of the six stableford scores will count for the final total. The team with the highest stableford total will score 2 points; 1 point will be awarded if the stableford totals are tied.
13. C League - in the event of a team conceding their match, 2 points will be awarded to the opposing team. An average of the stableford points gained in the matches played, will be awarded to the winning team. If the first match of the season is conceded an average of the season's stableford points will be awarded retrospectively.
14. If a team is short of players, all players move up the order. Substitutes come in at number 6 in the team order.
15. No player, that attends a school that participates in the league, may represent/play for another school/team. In addition no player may play for 2 teams in one week i.e. play for the 1st team and then the 2nd team.
16. In the event of a tie at the top between two teams in the respective leagues at the end of the season, the winner will be decided by a games count.

If the games count is tied, the team that played all the matches with a full complement of players will win.

If they are still tied, the winner shall be the winner of the original match between the two teams.
If that match was a tie, then the winner shall be determined by a playoff.
17. At the end of the season, the North and South winners in each league compete for overall champions.

18. Matches should be played during the week as indicated on the league fixture list. Matches should not be postponed if possible and only by mutual arrangement between team managers when there is a clash of commitments involving the majority of the players. If one team cannot fulfill its obligations the team that can play will be awarded full league points.

19. Where a course is unplayable due to flooding or games cannot start due to dangerous conditions, such match will be deemed null and void (no points awarded), and will not be rescheduled.

Where matches have already started but 9 holes cannot be completed due to above-mentioned conditions or bad light, the overall standing of individual games will be the final result at the time of cancellation of play, on condition that at least 5 holes have been completed by all players. If any player has not completed 5 holes, the match will be considered a draw.

20. All matches shall be played according to the rules of golf as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews.

All golf administrators must insist on correct behaviour, the necessary etiquette on the course and the strict application of all golf rules. Only designated golf administrators / managers are entitled to give advice – spectators and parents to adhere to the 40 metre rule.

21. The aim of the Schools' golf league is to promote golf and therefore participation takes place with the expectation that its members will fulfil all their obligations.

Western Province Junior Golf
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