



Western Province Golf

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1st, 2nd and 3rd Challenge League Conditions for 2021

These rules will govern the league that commences on the 2nd October 2021 and concludes on the 20th November 2021.

- 1. GENERAL:** The following are the Rules and Conditions governing the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Challenge Leagues run under the control of the Executive of WPG.
- 2. SHIELD:** Teams shall compete for the League 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 given to that Club at WPG Awards Ceremony at the end of the year.
- 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 may compete in the league. No Club may have more than one team in each League.
- 5. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:** Players must be registered full golfing 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/Premier Reserve League team and represents his Club in the Premier/Premier Reserve 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 the WPG or League Rules of the WPG is not eligible to represent any Club during the period of his suspension.
- 6. TEAM MANAGERS:** Team managers are not permitted, and no player assistance is permitted.
- 7. COMPOSITION OF THE LEAGUE:**
 - The 1st Challenge League will be made up of 2 pools, the semi-finals and finals will be played on a home-and-away basis. In the event of a tie the winner of the semi-final will be determined by the holes count on the day. Should there still be a tie the higher seed will be declared the winner. The final will be played at a venue arranged by the WPGU. In the event of a tie the winner will be determined by the holes count on the day. Should there still be a tie each team will nominate a player take part in a sudden death play-off for the trophy.
 - The 2nd Challenge League will consist of the number of teams in the relevant draw. Each team will play all other teams in the league.
 - The 3rd Challenge 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 single match play off scratch. The league shall

beplayed over 18 holes on a home and away basis with 4 games being played at home and 4 games away.

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 eighteen holes shall not proceed beyond the 18th green but shall be considered halved games. In winning a match a team will be awarded 2 points. If a match be halved each team will be awarded 1 point. Points scoring for individual games shall be 1 point for a win, ½ a point for a tie and 0 points for a loss. Should a course at a venue become unplayable during a match then completed games will count with the uncompleted games being declared draws. Should a venue be unplayable before the match commences the result at that venue will be a two-all draw.

11. WINNER OF THE LEAGUE:

- The 1st Challenge 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.
- The 2nd and 3rd Challenge Leagues: On conclusion of final round the team with the most points win the league. If more than 1 team tied with the most points, the winner will be determined by the highest games difference for the season and if still tied then by their head-to-head results. If this is still tied, then the League will be shared.

12. PROMOTION & RELEGATION: Not applicable to these Leagues.

13. DATES & VENUES: Dates and venues of matches shall be arranged by 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 'Home' Club Committee after consultation with the 'Away' Club. These times may be allocated in either the morning or afternoon field, but both clubs must play at similar times.

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 pairings being submitted in playing order, weakest to strongest. Clubs must also indicate the 'home' times and tees for the fixture on the submission sheet.

16. POPI ACT POLICY: By players participating in leagues run under the auspices of WPG they are consenting to Western Province Golf collecting and storing certain personal player information (the minimum needed to conduct the administration of the respective leagues). Clubs / Players are assured that Western Province Golf is fully compliant with the Protection of Personal Information Act ("POPIA") regarding how we collect personal information, why we collect it, what it is used for and how it is stored. This personal information may be used to provide further details of the respective leagues and may be stored by Western Province Golf for purposes of further such events. Your personal information shall not be shared with any third party whatsoever, save for the publication of league results. If a player is a minor, by accepting the League Conditions, Western Province Golf accepts that player's parent or guardian has given his/her consent to the above and for the club to have provided the player's personal information.

17. 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.

18. SUBMISSION OF RESULTS: Clubs must notify WPG of the result of all matches (home and away) via email by 12h00 on the Monday following the match. Should they be late in submitting the result, they will receive a 'Yellow Card' for the first instance. Should this happen again, WPG will penalize the team by deducting 1 point from their accumulated points total on the log during the league stages. During the knockout stages 1 match point will be deducted. 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.

- 19. LOCAL RULES:** The Local Rules of the Host Club will be the Rules in force on the day of the match.
- 20. TEES:** WPG recommends the players play from the club competition markers on the day.
- 21. ABANDONED PLAY:** In the event of play for the day being abandoned, the results of the match will be determined as follows:
 - If any match has not completed nine holes, the match will be declared a half.
 - The result of matches, where more than nine holes have been completed, will be determined by the state of the match when play is discontinued.
- 22. PLAYER ADVICE:** Assistance in the form of advice from any player is not permitted. Should a player be in breach of this condition, Match play - loss of hole.
- 23. SLOW PLAY:** Slow play under Rule 5.6 will be strictly enforced. Any player found to be in breach will be penalized in terms of the rules.
- 24. 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.
- 25. SCORECARDS & HANDICAPPING:** In accordance with the WHS, for handicapping purposes, rounds are to be opened and scores entered in the HNA app by entering the hole-by-hole scores until the match is concluded after which the round is closed; the most likely score (MLS) is to be used where concessions are made. No scorecards are however required to be submitted.
- 26. SNACKS & 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.
- 27. PLAYING FEES:** There will be no playing fees.
- 28. REIMBURSEMENT:** Not applicable for this League
- 29. 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.
- 30. MOTORIZED DRIVEN GOLF CARTS:** The use of driven motorized golf carts is not permitted unless permission has been granted by the WPGU. Such permission requires a medical certificate.
- 31. WITHDRAWAL:** Should a team withdraw or be suspended during the course of the season, all their matches in their section will be null and void. In terms of comparing for seeding all teams in the group will be adjusted by the appropriate multiple.
- 32. 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.

- 33. DISPUTES:** The Executive Committee of WPG shall appoint a Tournament Committee, and this Committee, whose decision shall be final, will settle all disputes.
- 34. CHANGES:** The Executive Committee of WPG shall have the right to amend, alter, delete or add to the above Rules at any time.
- 35. VERSION:** This version of the Rules supersedes all previous versions and is effective from September 2021.