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Mid-Amateur League Conditions for 2022

These rules will govern the league that commences on the 22nd January 2022 and concludes on the 26th March 2022.

1. **GENERAL:** The following are the Rules and Conditions governing the Masters League run under the control of the Executive of WPG.
2. **TROPHY:** The Mid-Amateur League shall compete for the Mid-Am Trophy. Teams representing competing Clubs shall compete for the trophy annually. The name of the Club winning the competition shall be engraved on the trophy, and the Club shall be the holder of the trophy until the end of the following year's competition.
3. **RULES OF THE COMPETITION:** Play shall be strictly in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd. 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 and in good standing or invited by WPG may compete in the league.
5. **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:** Players must be registered full golfing members or equivalent 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 the League Rules of WPG is not eligible to represent any Club during his period of suspension.

Any player who has played 3 or more games in the Masters League is ineligible to play in the Mid-Amateur League.

6. **TEAM MANAGERS:** Team managers are not permitted.
7. **COMPOSITION OF THE LEAGUE:** The League will consist of the number of teams in the relevant draw. Each team will play all other teams in the league.

For 2022, the Mid-Am League shall comprise 12 teams played in 2 divisions with 5 round robin fixtures. Teams will be split into an A and B section, determined by the finishing positions of the teams in 2021 Mid-Am League.

8. **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.

9. **WINNER OF THE LEAGUE:** On conclusion of the final round of round robin fixtures, the team with the most points in the A Division shall be the winner of the league. In the event of a tie, on points, the winner shall be determined by the highest games difference for the season, if still tied the league shall be decided on the “head-to-head” match result. If that match was tied the League will be shared.
10. **COMPOSITION OF THE TEAMS:** Each team shall consist of 8 players, 4 to play at ‘Home’ and 4 to play ‘Away’.
11. **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.
12. **PROMOTION & RELEGATION:** On conclusion of the final round robin fixtures, 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. In the event of a tie, on points, the league placings shall be determined by the highest games difference (or lowest in the case of determining the last placed team) for the season, if still tied the positions shall be decided on the “head-to-head” match result. If that match was tied a play-off match at a neutral venue will be arranged by WPG
13. **DATES & 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 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 Rule 5 of the Rules of Golf, players will start at the times allocated by the home club, should the starting time be missed, penalty under the rules of golf will apply. 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:** All clubs must submit their teams via email to WPG on the official team submission sheet by 12h00 on the Wednesday prior to the match. Failure to submit teams on time may lead to forfeiture. The names shall be submitted in playing order. 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 is withdrawn or has to be replaced from a team and the draw for the fixture has already been published, the substitute player 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 transgression. Should the Club transgress a second time, WPG will penalise 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 or his/her representative for announcement at prize giving. If the results are not readily available from the host club, the responsibility for determining the overall result rest 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:** Play will be from the stipulated tees identified by the host club. WPG recommends the matches are played from the club competition markers for 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 advice to any player can only be gained from the player's caddie. Should a team be in breach of this condition, the general penalty shall apply – loss of hole in match play.
23. **SLOW PLAY:** Slow play under Rule 5.6 will be strictly enforced. Any player found to be in breach will be penalised in terms of the rules.
24. **ETTIQUETTE & DRESS CODE:** WPG reserves the right to disqualify a player who incurs a serious breach of etiquette during a Masters 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. 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. The WPG Code of Conduct shall apply.
25. **SCORECARDS & HANDICAPPING:** In accordance with the World Handicapping System and as per the "Rules of Handicapping", for handicapping purposes rounds are required to be opened and all scores are to be captured accordingly. Failure to adhere to this requirement could lead to ineligibility. In match play and where concessions on holes are made, players must record their 'most likely score' and/or where matches are decided before the completion of the 18th hole, scores are to be captured as nett pars as per the players' handicap. WPG recommend that players use the HNA App by entering hole by holes scores until the match is concluded after which the round is closed.
26. **SNACKS & DRINKS:** It is at the sole discretion of the host club to provide halfway, snacks and drinks after. A recommendation of halfway and two drinks after the round would be adequate. It is required, barring exceptional circumstances that the visiting team stays for two drinks after the game with the host club.
27. **PLAYING FEES:** There will be no playing fees.
28. **REIMBURSEMENT:** Not Applicable for Mid-Amateur 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 WPG. 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 voided. 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 players 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). Players 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.
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 Men shall have the right to amend, alter, delete or add to the above Rules and Conditions at any time.
35. **VERSION:** This version of the Rules supersedes all previous versions and is effective from January 2022