



Western Province Golf

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The following are the Rules and Conditions governing the 2022 WOMEN'S TUESDAY LEAGUE run under the control of the Executive of WPG.

Definitions of abbreviations used:

HI - Handicap Index is an indication of the potential of the golfer.

CH - Course Handicap (rounded off to a whole number) is the calculated handicap the golfer will use on the day, based on the tee they select on a specific course, including adjustment to Par.

PH - Playing Handicap (rounded off to a whole number) is the Course Handicap X Handicap Allowance

GSL - Gold / Silver / Silver Reserve League

BCL - Bronze / Copper / Copper Reserve League

1. COMPOSITION AND FORMAT OF THE LEAGUES:

1.1. Gold, Silver & Silver Reserve Leagues:

Matches will be played on a Tuesday afternoon.

The league will start in January, and will be played once a month.

Singles Match Play for the first half of the league season, followed by Foursomes Match Play.

The maximum HI is 20.0.

A team shall consist of six (6) players.

For team selection in the GSL, players must be selected in order of HI.

Players must first determine their CH for the host venue's Red course using their HNA HI.

Singles: Played in strict HI order off their CH. The CH of all players in each match is reduced by the CH of the player with the lowest CH, who then plays from scratch.

Foursomes: Players may be paired according to compatibility, and they are then to play in order of their combined HI. Foursome partners will play off 50% of their combined CH (rounded off to a whole number - 0.5 is rounded up. Lowest combined CH to scratch.

CONCESSION: being given to a HI of 22.0 but will have to play off a HI of 20.0.

1.2. Bronze & Copper Leagues:

Matches will be played on a Tuesday afternoon.

This league will start in January, and will be played once a month.

The format is Four-Ball Match Play.

The minimum HI is 15.1 and the maximum HI is 28.0

A team shall consist of six (6) players. Four-ball Match Play to play off a Playing Handicap (PH) of 90% of the CH.

Players may be paired according to compatibility then to play in order of their combined HI.

Four-Ball Match Play: Players must first determine their CH for the host venue's Red course using their HNA HI, then their PH. The PH of all four players is then reduced by the PH of the player with the lowest PH, who then plays from scratch. (If one of the players is absent, her PH will still be taken into consideration for determining who plays off scratch.)

CONCESSION: being given to a HI of less than 15.1 but will have to play off their actual HI, and to a HI higher than 28.0 who will have to play off a HI of 28.0.

NOTE: If certain players wish to play only BB format during a league season, the League Manager must inform WPG of the names of these players before the first match of the league season is played and such players HI's are, therefore, excluded when selecting players in order of HI.

When taking a player from the BCL to replace a player in the GSL, the replacement player's HI may not be lower than the GSL selected players i.e., the replacement player would become player no. 6 in correct HI order.

2. ORDER OF PLAY:

Singles: order of play is No.1 up

Foursomes: order of play is pair No.1 up - Selected players may be paired according to compatibility and they are then to play in order of their combined HI.

Four-ball - order of play is pair No.1 up - Selected players may be paired according to compatibility and they are then to play in order of their combined HI.

Note: A Team Captain may request a change in the order of play from the opposing Team Captain. Reason for change of order needs to be provided in result sheet comments.

3. RESULTS:

After the completion of each match, it is the responsibility of each Team Captain to send or email the verified Results Sheets to their League Manager.

3.1. GSL and BCL: The Club's League Manager shall submit, by email or WhatsApp, all the Club's Result Sheets to the WP Golf League Representative by 12h00 of the Wednesday following the league match. Should a team not submit results by 17h00 of the Wednesday following the league match, the results of the opposition team shall be accepted as correct.

3.2. Unless there are any outstanding ruling requests which have been referred to WP Golf in accordance with point 24, the results of all league matches are final when published on the WP Golf website. Results of all league matches will be published by 12h00 noon on the Friday following the Tuesday league matches. The results will also be emailed to the Club's League Manager.

4. SCORING:

The team winning the most games on the day will be declared the winner of the fixture. Matches that are tied at the end of 18 holes shall not proceed beyond the 18th green but shall be considered halved matches. Points scoring for individual matches shall be 1 point for a win, ½ a point for a tie and 0 points for a loss. In winning a fixture a team will be awarded 2 points. If a fixture is halved each team will be awarded 1 point.

5. LEAGUE LOG & TIES:

The winner shall be the club that scores the highest number of points. In the event of a tie, the winner shall be the club with the highest aggregate of individual matches, i.e. the higher positive difference between matches won and matches lost (differential). Should there still be a tie; the winner shall be the club with the most matches won. Should there still be a tie, the winner shall be the club with the most matches won between the two clubs concerned, and if there is still no winner the trophy will be shared.

6. RULES OF THE LEAGUE:

All matches will play the Red course at each host venue. All matches are to be played over a round of 18 holes and will not be extended if tied. The Rules of the R & A Limited, these League Rules and the Local Rules of the host club will apply. The WPG Executive shall appoint a Tournament Committee to deal with all issues (see point 25).

7. **TEAM ELIGIBILITY:** Only clubs affiliated to WPG may compete in the league.
8. **PLAYERS ELIGIBILITY:** Players must be fully registered affiliated members of the competing club and handicapped at that Club – for exceptions see below. Any player suspended from a Club or suspended from the Leagues in terms of the Constitution of WPG or League Rules of WPG is not eligible to represent any Club during the period of her suspension.
- 8.1. A player may only play league for one WP Golf affiliated club during each calendar year. A player who is a member of more than one club may only play league for one of her clubs during a calendar year. If not playing for her home club, she must obtain permission from her Home Club Captain and a copy of this letter must be sent to WP Golf prior to her playing her first match of the season.
- 8.2. A player whose home club is in another province, may play league for her WP Golf affiliated club, provided that she obtains written permission from her Home Club Captain. Once a player obtains such permission, she may not represent any other WP Golf club during the same calendar year.
9. **TEAM SELECTION:**
- 9.1. After selection, if a player's HI is cut due to an instant revision, that player may remain in the team as selected using her revised HI.
- 9.2. In the event of a player's HI having increased after selection due to an instant revision, that player may remain in the team as selected but using the maximum HI allowed for that league.
- 9.3. It is the player's duty to inform the team captains of this HI revision. Instant revisions may not necessitate changing the composition of the team, but may result in an Order of Play revision within a team.
- 9.4. Any player having an open round on the day of league will not be eligible to play. League Managers shall be responsible for ensuring their players meet this requirement.
- 9.5. If a League season has been completed, or if a higher league is not due to play a match in a given month, players who would normally represent their club in that league may not play in a lower league for that month/s. Permission may be requested and given by the Tournament Committee in very special circumstances for the player to play for another league team.
- 9.6. Except within the constraints of HI limits and criteria in the various leagues, WP Golf does not prescribe the selection criteria employed by a club.
10. **TEAM CAPTAINS:** Each competing team shall have a captain whose responsibilities include:
- 10.1. Being present at the match 20 minutes before starting time.
- 10.2. Ensuring that their players are ready to tee off on time in the correct order, and at their allocated tee times.
- 10.3. Preparing the WP Golf Result Sheet indicating players' names, HI, CH, PH, and order of play and exchanging the details on the WP Golf Result Sheet with their opposing captains upon arrival at the League venue.
- 10.4. Completing, verifying and submitting the WP Golf Result Sheet (in original excel format) to the WP Golf League representative by email.
11. **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. 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 a 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.

12. **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 Tournament Committee reserves the right to exclude or remove matches from such a venue.
13. **STARTING TIMES:** In accordance with Rule 5.3 of the Rules of Golf, players must start at the times allocated by WPG. Should the starting time be missed, penalty under the Rules of Golf will apply.
 - 13.1. **GSL:** commences at 12.00pm and **BCL** commences at 11:30. All league matches are allocated tee times. It is not permissible to delay the tee-off times of the next matches by waiting for players to arrive. See Rule 5.3 of the Rules of Golf for exceptional circumstances and Rule 23.4 for representation of a side in BCL.
 - 13.2. The first matches will commence at the times designated in the fixtures thereafter in 8-minute intervals. Matches shall keep up with the match ahead.
14. **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). 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.
15. **CADDIES** (Rule 10.3a is modified as follows): The sharing of a Caddie by team members is not permitted for the Singles matches. Penalty for breach of this rule: the player gets the general penalty for each hole during which she is helped by such a caddie. If the breach happens or continues between two holes, the player gets the general penalty for the next hole.
Players need to support the caddies from the club where league is being played. Only if a player has ascertained that NO club caddies are available at the host club may a player then obtain the consent of the host club to bring an outside caddie, provided the club sending a caddie allows outside caddies at their club too. In which case the player is responsible for correct Covid-19 procedures and protocols. The name of the caddie is to be given to the Host Club and recorded with the names of the league players.
16. **MOTORISED CARTS:** The use of golf carts is permitted for all leagues. The onus is on the player to organize the motorized cart timeously with the host club should she require one. If motorized carts are not available or their use prohibited by the host club on the date of the match, players requesting a cart must either elect to walk or concede the match to their opponent. Cart hire as per the club regulations.
17. **SLOW PLAY:** Team Captains are responsible for their players' pace of play. Players must be made aware of Rule 5.6b : Prompt Pace of Play and 5.6b (2) : Playing Out of Turn to help Pace of Play in match play. As per 13.2, matches must keep up with the match ahead and get back into position after a ball search. Groups that remain "out of position" for more than two holes must be reported (with details) by the Team Captain under the comments section of the Result Sheet.

Repeat offenders: The WP Golf Administrator will notify the Lady Captain, League Manager and repeat offender that their pace of play is unacceptable and must be addressed..

18. **SPECTATORS:** The use of golf carts by spectators is not permitted and spectators are to keep off tees, fairways and greens at all times and may not interfere with the match in play. Failure to adhere to such requests could lead to the spectators being asked to leave the golf course. Players who have completed their match are considered spectators if they go on to the course to follow their team, but may continue use of a golf cart in these circumstances.
19. **PLAYER ADVICE:** Assistance in the form of advice to any player can only be gained from the player's caddie or own playing partner. (In Singles, two players of same club may not give advice to one another.) Should a team be in breach of this condition, Match play - loss of hole. Please see the definition of Advice as per the R&A rules and Rule 24.4.
20. **ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS:** A match shall be played, unless:
 - 20.1.the Greenkeeper or Club Manager (person duly authorized) closes the course before play is due to start.
 - 20.2.the WP Golf Administrator, after consultation, deems the forecasted weather conditions to be dangerous. In such events, the WP office will, if possible, notify the Club League Representatives by 10h00 on the day of play.
 - 20.3.If the course becomes unplayable or the weather becomes dangerous, players may agree to discontinue play as per Rule 5.7a. However, they must continue play as soon as one player wishes to resume play, as the agreement has then ended. Should a player not wish to resume play as they feel the course is unplayable, they may request a ruling from the WPG Office before resuming play, otherwise they are disqualified.
 - 20.4.If play is suspended, or the course is closed by the respective club, and no further play is possible on the day of the league fixture, Team Captains must provide the WP Golf League Representative with details of the state of the matches. The Tournament Committee will rule on the outcome.
 - 20.5.WP Golf reserves the right to make a decision in equity when it is impossible to complete a match or series of matches in accordance with the Rules of Golf.
21. **COMPLETION OF ROUND:** Players who have completed their match have the option to play to the 18th hole on condition that they are not holding up the field, and are not interfering with the players who are still competing i.e. the players in the match that is still alive must tee off first, play their approach shots to the green first if in a similar area, and, on or near the green, putt first and complete the hole.
22. **CAPTURE OF SCORE:** Scores are captured up to where the match was completed as per the WHS Rules of Handicapping, Effective January 2020, Rule 2.1a and Rule 3.2 for unfinished holes even though players might choose to continue play to the 18th hole. Where a player is unsure of how to adjust the Gross score on each hole, the player may enter the scores achieved on each hole using the GolfRSA Handicap Terminal function or HNA app "Hole-by-Hole" scoring, and the system will adjust the player's actual score to the maximum allowed per hole, based on the stroke allocation per hole, as entered on the system by the club, to give a total Adjusted Gross Score for the round.

23. CONCEDED MATCHES:

23.1. Singles: When a team lacks its full complement of players on the day of a scheduled match, the remaining players must move up in order of play and the last matches will be conceded. In the event of a player being disqualified, that match is conceded, and the rest of the team must play in its original order.

23.2. Four-ball/Foursomes: When a team lacks its full complement of players on the day of a scheduled match, as many players as possible must play. At least two of the three matches must be played. In Four-ball match play, if only 2 players are available, each singly must play against an opposing pairing.

23.3. As a courtesy the opposing captains must be informed as soon as it has been established that a full team cannot be fielded.

23.4. In the event of a club being unable to field any members of a team, that team will be withdrawn from the league and all points from all matches in which they played will become null and void. Should a team withdraw or be suspended during the league season, along with a fine of R5000 per team, all their matches in their section will be considered null and void.

24. **DISPUTES**: League Managers are to draw the attention of their players to Rule 20.1a and b, which clearly sets out the procedure to be followed if a rules issue arises on the course. If a ruling request is made, once the match has been completed, the players must report the matter to their team captains.

24.1. The League Result Sheet should be clearly marked "Ruling requested" and the matter brought immediately to the attention of the WP Golf League Representative. This shall be followed up by the submission of an email report within 24 hours of the completion of the fixtures, setting out the nature and details of the ruling request. If this procedure is not followed, no ruling will be given and the results of the match will stand.

24.2. In the event of the above procedure having been followed and no resolution obtained, the results of the match will be determined by WP Golf using the League Results Sheet and any other information gathered by the Tournament Committee.

25. **TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**: WP Golf will appoint a Tournament Committee consisting of the WPG Women's Vice President, WPG Executive League Portfolio member, WP Golf Administrator and a qualified Rules Official. This Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter these League Rules and Conditions should there be exceptional circumstances. All disputes will be settled by the Tournament Committee whose decision shall be final.

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