

## Western Province Golf

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# 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> LEAGUE CONDITIONS 2022

These rules and conditions will govern the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> League that commences on 3 September 2022 and conclude on 5 November 2022.

1. **GENERAL:** The following are the Rules and Conditions governing the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Leagues run under the control of the Executive of Western Province Golf (WPG).
2. **TROPHY:** Teams shall compete for a League Shield. Teams representing competing Clubs shall compete for the shields annually. The name of the Club winning the respective Leagues shall be engraved on the shield and awarded to that Club at the 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 or invited by WPG may compete in the league.
5. **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:** Players must be registered affiliated members of the competing Club and handicapped at that Club. A player who has represented his Club in any other league during a calendar year, cannot play for any other Club in any league during the same calendar year. 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 twice 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.  
  
3<sup>rd</sup> League: Players must have a Low Handicap Index of 4.5 or greater, as per the “Rules of Handicapping” published by R&A Rules Limited and may not have played in the 2022 Harry Solomon League.
6. **TEAM MANAGERS:** Team managers are not permitted.

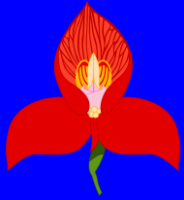
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### 7. COMPOSITION OF THE LEAGUE:

- The 1<sup>st</sup> League will be made up of 2 pools, with cross pool semi-finals that will be played on a home and away basis and a final. 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 seeded team will be declared the winner. The final will be played at a neutral venue arranged by WPG. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> League will consist of the number of teams in the relevant draw. Each team will play all other teams in the league.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> League will consist of the number of teams in the relevant draw. Each team will play all other teams in the league.

**8. FORMAT OF THE LEAGUE:** The format of the League is single 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:

- The 1<sup>st</sup> League: The team that wins the Final tie.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Leagues: On conclusion of the final round of matches, the team with the most points shall win the respective league. If more than 1 team is 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.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. A team that wins a match outright will be awarded 2 points. If the match is halved each team will be awarded 1 point.

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

**13. DATES & VENUES:** Dates 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.

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- 14. STARTING TIMES:** In accordance with Rule 5.3a of the Rules of Golf, players will start at the times allocated by the “Home” Club Committee after consultation with the “Away” Club. These tee times may be allocated in either the morning or afternoon field, but both clubs must play at similar times.
- 15. SUBMISSION OF TEAMS:** Clubs shall submit their teams, on the prescribed form, by e-mail, to WPG by 12h00 on the Wednesday prior to the match. The players shall be 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 players 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 the draw for a fixture is published, the substitute player must be a direct replacement.
- 18. SUBMISSION OF RESULTS:** All clubs must submit results via email to WPG on the official results sheet by 12h00 on the Monday following the match. Should a club be late in submitting the result, they will receive a ‘Yellow Card’ for the first instance. Should this happen again, 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 of the 1<sup>st</sup> Challenge League, 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 Local 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.

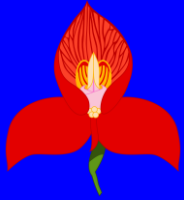
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- 21. ABANDONED PLAY:** In the event of play for the day being abandoned, the results of the match will be determined as follows:
- If any match has not completed nine holes, the match will be declared a half.
  - The result of matches, where more 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 player 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. ETIQUETTE & DRESS CODE:** The WPG Executive reserves the right to disqualify a player who incurs a serious breach of etiquette during a 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 dress code will not be allowed on the course. The WPG Code of Conduct will apply.
- 25. SCORECARDS & HANDICAPPING:** In accordance with the World Handicapping System and as per the "Rules of Handicapping" published by R&A Rules Limited, for handicapping purposes rounds are to be opened for Mid-Am League Games and all scores are to be captured. 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 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 are no playing fees.
- 28. REIMBURSEMENT:** Not applicable in this League.
- 29. CADDIES:** Players may use only professional caddies employed by the host Club, unless arranged otherwise with the host club.
- 30. MOTORIZED 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 the teams in the group have been adjusted by the appropriate multiple.

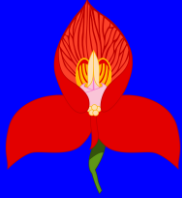
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- 32. DRUG FREE SPORT (ANTI DOPING POLICY):** All players are subject to the provisions of the International Golf Federation's Anti-Doping Policy. Details of the Policy, and the current Prohibited Substances and Methods, are available from the International Golf Federation's website ([www.internationalgolffederation.org](http://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. The 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 shall have the right to amend, alter, delete or add to the above Rules at any time.
- 35. VERSION:** This version of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> League Rules supersedes all previous versions and is effective from 1 September 2022.

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