

Western Province Golf

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PREMIER LEAGUE CONDITIONS 2022

These rules will govern the Premier League that commences on 2 October 2022 and conclude on 27 November 2022.

- 1. GENERAL:** The following are the Rules and Conditions governing the Premier League run under the control of the Executive of Western Province Golf (WPG).
- 2. TROPHY:** The Premier League shall compete for the Stephan Trophy. Teams, representing competing Clubs shall compete for the trophy annually. The name of the Club winning the League shall be engraved on the Stephan Trophy, and the Club shall be the holder of the Trophy until the end of the following Premier League season.
- 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-aged-based leagues on the same weekend, unless he has been nominated as a reserve for the Premier League team and represents his Club in the Premier League on that weekend due to the withdrawal of a player. Should a player have represented his Club twice in the Premier League, he may not represent his Club in any other scratch, non-aged-based league, during the same year, unless there are unforeseen circumstances, in which the club must request permission from WPG for such dispensation.

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 his period of suspension.

- 6. TEAM MANAGERS:** Each team may appoint an official team manager who shall form part of the matches. A team manager is allowed to give advice to the team players, but he may not venture onto any putting green during the playing of any matches.

A manager is considered an outside agency in term of the rules of golf with regards to their team. The name of the manager must be submitted along with the team submission.

- 7. COMPOSITION OF THE LEAGUE:** The Premier League will consist of 6 teams. Each team will play all the other teams in the league.

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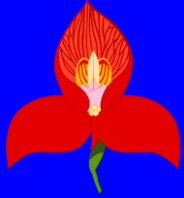
- 8. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION:** The format of the competition shall be 18 holes foursomes match play in the morning and 18 holes singles match play in the afternoon.
- 9. WINNER OF THE LEAGUE:** The team with the most log points shall win the league. Should there be a tie in the league then the team with the most “games for” shall be declared the winner. Should the “games for” be tied then the winner of the League match between the two teams will be declared the winner. If the League match, between the two teams, had resulted in a draw then the trophy will be shared.
- 10. COMPOSITION OF THE TEAM:** Each team shall consist of 8 players.
- 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. 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:** The team finishing in 6th place will compete in a Promotion & Relegation match against the winner of the Premier Reserve League. Should the bottom teams in the Premier League be equal on log points, “games for” and the game between the teams be halved; a play-off match between the teams will be arranged by WPG at a neutral venue at a date to be confirmed, and advised during the season; the loser of such a match will take part in the Promotion / Relegation Match.
- In the event of the Premier Reserve League be shared, the Promotion / Relegation match shall be a multi-way match. The Promotion / Relegation match will consist of teams of 6 players. The format for this match shall be 18 holes foursomes match play in the morning and 18 holes singles match play in the afternoon. The date and venue for this game will be confirmed, and advised during the season. It will be played on a neutral venue.
- In the event of a tie, the winner of the Promotion / Relegation Match will be the team that scored the most accumulated game points on the day. If there is still a tie, the Premier League team shall retain their status.
- 13. DATES & VENUES:** Dates of matches shall be arranged by WPG. Should any venue be deemed unsuitable for the playing of matches, WPG reserves the right to exclude or remove matches from such a venue.
- 14. STARTING TIMES:** In accordance with Rule 5.3a of the Rules of Golf, players will start at the times allocated by WPG, should the starting time be missed, penalty under the rules of golf will apply.
- 15. SUBMISSION OF TEAMS:** Clubs shall submit their teams, on the prescribed form, by e-mail, to WPG by 12h00 on the Wednesday prior the match. The names shall be submitted in playing order, weakest to strongest. The name of the team manager must be submitted on the sheet.

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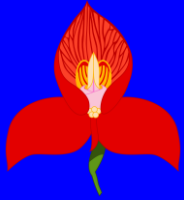
- 16. POPI ACT POLICY:** By players participating in leagues, run under the auspices of WPG they are consenting to Western Province Golf collecting and storing certain personal player information (the minimum needed to conduct the administration of the respective leagues). Clubs / Players are assured 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 has to be replaced after the draw for a fixture has been distributed, it must be a direct replacement, in the foursomes draw. In the singles draw the substitute player becomes number 8 in the draw and all other players move up the submitted playing order.
- 18. SUBMISSION OF RESULTS:** The results will be recorded by the WPG official on duty. Team managers and/or captains are responsible for notifying the official/s of their team's results immediately after the conclusion of their last game.
- 19. LOCAL RULES:** Typed Local Rules of the Host Club (other than those on the scorecard) are to be given to each player before the commencement of the Premier League match. Each player will also be given the WPG Permanent Local Rules. All matches in the League will be subject to a general rule governing etiquette and slow play, whether such rules appear on the local rules issued on the day or not. Pace of play guidelines will be used by WPG for each venue and a group falling behind schedule and who are out of position in the field will be timed by WPG. As per the amended Rules of Golf, rule 6-7 provides for a penalty of 'loss of hole' against a competitor who makes himself guilty of slow play, and a repeated offender may be disqualified. The pace of play guidelines will be disclosed to players at each venue.
- 20. TEES:** Play will be from the WP Markers.
- 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 own playing partner (during foursomes) or their caddie or the team manager. Should a team be in breach of this condition, Rule 10.2 of the rules of golf will be applied, 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 penalised in terms of the rules.

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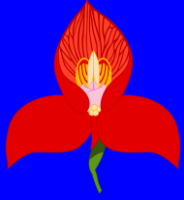
- 24. ETIQUETTE & DRESS CODE:** WPG reserves the right to disqualify a player who incurs a serious breach of etiquette during a Premier League game as per the Rules of Golf and to discipline a player for bad behaviour on the course and any serious breach of etiquette will be severely dealt with in terms 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:** No scorecards are to be submitted and no scores are allowed to be entered for handicapping purposes.
- 26. SNACKS & DRINKS:** Snacks, drinks and meals will be for the individual player's account.
- 27. PLAYING FEES:** There are no playing fees.
- 28. REIMBURSEMENT:** Players may be reimbursed for expenses incurred as per the Rules of Amateur Status (Effective January 2022). The reimbursement must be paid by the Club the player represents and the reimbursement may not be more than the expenses actually incurred. Players may not receive an incentive to play for a Club and WPG will deem any amount in excess of R800, paid to players to cover expenses (excluding team clothing) to be regarded as an incentive. Where a Club or Team representative pays the expenses directly to the supplier of goods or services on behalf of a player, the allowance of R800 must be reduced with the cost of the goods or services accordingly. Should a club be in breach of this condition, the penalty will be loss of match.
- 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 prohibited.
- 31. WITHDRAWAL:** Should a team withdraw or be suspended during the course of the season; all their matches will be null and voided.
- 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. Breach of condition is disqualification. (Match in Question)
- 33. DISPUTES:** WPG shall appoint a Tournament Committee, and this Committee, whose decision shall be final, will settle all disputes.
- 34. CHANGES:** WPG shall have the right to amend, alter, delete or add to the above Rules at any time.

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35. VERSION: This version of the Premier League Rules supersedes all previous versions and is effective from 1 September 2022.

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