

Western Province Golf

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WOMEN'S SATURDAY LEAGUE CONDITIONS 2023

These rules and conditions will govern the Women's Saturday League that commences on 18 March 2023 to the 26 August 2023.

- 1. GENERAL:** The following are the Rules and Conditions governing the Women's Saturday leagues run under the control of the Executive of Western Province Golf (WPG).
- 2. COMPOSITION OF THE LEAGUE:** WPG shall determine the number of teams in each League Division and in which league Division entered teams will play. Premier Scratch will play each team twice and Reserve Handicap will play each team once. All teams will play on a home and away basis. **Players seeded 1 & 2 will play their applicable opposition player seeded 1 & 2 at the venue specified and players seeded 3 & 4 will play their applicable opposition player seeded 3 & 4 at the course specified (refer to Fixtures).**
- 3. TEAM ELIGIBILITY:** Only Clubs affiliated to WPG and in good standing may compete in the league. WPG reserves the right to allow clubs to play as a combined team, subject to annual review.
- 4. COMPOSITION OF THE TEAMS:** Each team shall consist of 4 players.
- 5. FORMAT OF THE HANDICAP LEAGUE DIVISIONS:**

Premier Scratch League	no HI limit	Singles match play
Reserve Handicap League	HI 10 – 20	Singles match play

Reserve Handicap League: HI Concessions may be applied for, see Point 15

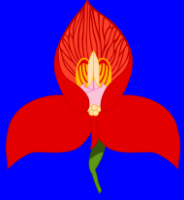
Reserve Handicap League – Singles Handicap Allowance
Full CH. The lower CH player plays off scratch and the difference between the 2 players CH is the number of strokes given.
- 6. STARTING TIMES:** In accordance with Rule 5.3a of the Rules of Golf, players will start at their allocated time. Should the starting time be missed, penalty under the Rules of Golf will apply.
 - a. All league matches are allocated tee times. Tee times may be allocated in either the morning or afternoon field.
 - b. It is not permissible to delay the tee-off time of a match by waiting for a player/s to arrive. See Rule 5.3 of the Rules of Golf for exceptional circumstances.
 - c. Matches shall keep up with the field.
- 7. ORDER OF PLAY:** Clubs to tee off in order as per the fixture list.
- 8. LOCAL RULES:** The Local Rules of the Host Club will be the Local Rules in force on the day of the match.
- 9. WINNER OF THE LEAGUE:** On conclusion of the final round of the round robin fixtures, the team with the most points shall be the winner of that League. In the event of a tie, the winner shall be the

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team 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 team with the most matches won. Should there still be a tie, the winner shall be the team with the most matches won between the two teams concerned, and if there is still no winner, the winning place will be shared.

10. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY: Players must be 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 the WPG or League Rules of the WPG is not eligible to represent any Club during the period of their suspension.

- a. A player may only play league for one WPG 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 WPG prior to her playing her first match of the season.
- b. A player whose home club is in another province, may play league for her WPG 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 WPG club during the same calendar year.

11. RULES OF THE COMPETITION: Play shall be strictly in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd. The Red course at each host venue shall be played.

12. 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.

13. DATES & VENUES: Dates of matches shall be arranged by WPG. Should a Club be unable to host arranged matches they need to notify WPG, who will try and rearrange another date and time. 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.

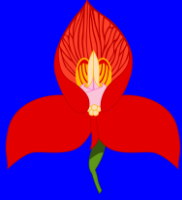
14. SELECTION:

- a. Clubs entering teams in both the Premier and Reserve league may select eligible players to play in either team but must field their teams in order of strength.
- b. Preference must be given to players who are only able to play Saturday league. Only in the event of a club not being able to fill a team should players who play, in the Tuesday leagues be considered for selection.
- c. Except within the constraints of HI limits and the principles as set out above, WPG does not otherwise prescribe the selection criteria employed by a club.
- d. Eligible players may be selected to play in either the Premier and/or Reserve Handicap League teams. Once selected players must then be seeded in strict HI order in their team.

Reserve Handicap League HI change after selection

- a. 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.
- b. In the event of a player's HI increasing (outside the Division parameter) after selection due to an instant revision, that player may remain in the team as selected but must use the maximum HI allowed for that Division.

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- c. 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

15. CONCESSIONS

Required for:

Player with Lower HI than Division parameters

A club may apply, in advance to WPG, for a concession to include two (2) players whose HI is lower than the Division HI parameters. Their current HI would be applied.

In the case of this being the same player for each fixture, a concession need only be applied for at the start of the season. For different player/s for various fixtures, then a concession must be applied for before each of those fixtures.

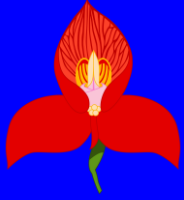
Not required for:

Player's with higher HI than Division parameters

Should a club not have sufficient player who are within the maximum HI parameters of that Division they may, select a higher HI player but the maximum HI allowed shall be applied.

16. **SUBMISSION OF TEAMS:** Clubs shall submit their teams, on the official team submission form, by e-mail, to the WPG League Representative by 12h00 on the Wednesday prior to the match. The players shall be submitted in playing order, strongest to weakest (1st to 4th player). Failure to submit teams on time may lead to forfeiture.
17. **SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS:** In the event of a team having a player withdraw after names of selected players have been submitted to WPG, clubs may use one of the following options:
- Premier League: Fill the team with a player from their pool of reserve players or a player from their Reserve Handicap League team, if they have one.
 - Reserve Handicap league: fill the team with a player whose HI is within the HI parameters (as set out in Points 5,14 and 15)
 - Only if no player is available the last match of the team where the player has withdrawn must be conceded and WPG & opponents must be notified as soon as possible.
18. **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 once 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 whose name will then be recorded, provided the club sending a caddie allows outside caddies at their club too.
19. **MOTORIZED GOLF 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.

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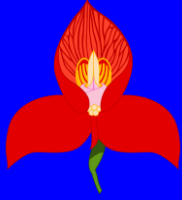


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- 20. PLAYER ADVICE:** As per definition of Advice, Rule 10.2a of the Rules of Golf. The General penalty (loss of hole) will be applied accordingly.
- a. Assistance in the form of advice, to any player can only be gained from the player's caddie.
 - b. Players from the same club (who are not partners) may not ask or give advice to one another, even when playing in the same group.
- 21. TEAM CAPTAINS:** Each competing team shall have a captain whose responsibilities include:
- 22. Preparing the WPG Result Sheet indicating players' names, HI, CH, and order of play and exchanging the details on the WPG Result Sheet with their opposing captains upon arrival at the League venue.**
- 23. Completing, verifying and submitting the WPG Result Sheet (in original excel format) to the WPG League representative by email.**
- 24. 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 field 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 WPG Administrator will notify the Lady Captain, League Manager and repeat offender that their pace of play is unacceptable and must be addressed.
- 25. CONCEDED MATCHES:**
- a. 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 match will be conceded. In the event of a player being disqualified, that match is conceded, and the rest of the team must play in their original order.
 - b. As a courtesy the opposing captains must be informed as soon as it has been established that a full team cannot be fielded.
- In the event of a club being unable to field 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.
- 26. ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS: A match shall be played, unless:**
- a. The Greenkeeper or Club Manager (person duly authorized) closes the course before play is due to start.
 - b. The WPG Administrator, after consultation, deems the forecasted (on day prior or day of play) 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.
 - c. 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.

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d. 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 e. WPG League Representative with details of the state of the matches. The Tournament Committee will rule on the outcome.

WPG 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.

27. ABANDONED PLAY: In the event of play for the day being abandoned, the results of the match will be determined as follows:

- a. If any match has not completed nine holes, the match will be declared a half.
- b. 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.

28. DISPUTES: The Executive Committee of WPG shall appoint a Tournament Committee, and this Committee, whose decision shall be final, will settle all 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 was correctly made, the players must report the matter to their team captains on completion of their match.

- a. The League Result Sheet should be clearly marked "Ruling requested" and the matter brought immediately to the attention of the WPG 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.
- b. In the event of the above procedure having been followed and no resolution obtained, the results of the match will be determined by WPG using the League Results Sheet and any other information gathered by the Tournament Committee.

27. 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.

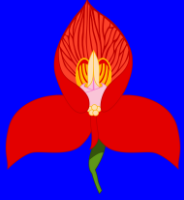
28. SCORECARDS & HANDICAPPING: Scores are captured up to where the match was completed as well as for unfinished holes (even though players might choose to continue play to the 18th hole) as per the WHS Rules of Handicapping, effective January 2020, Rule 2.1a and Rule 3.2. Where a player is unsure of how to adjust the Gross score on each hole, the player may enter the scores achieved on each hole of the match using the GolfRSA Handicap Terminal function or HNA app "Hole-by-Hole" scoring, as an Incomplete round 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.

29. SNACKS & DRINKS: It is at the sole discretion of the club to provide snacks and drinks after the round.

30. SUBMISSION OF 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 Managers.

League Managers shall submit, by email or WhatsApp, all the Club's Result Sheets to the WPG

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League Representative by 12h00 of the Monday following the league match. Should a team not submit results by 17h00 of the Monday following the league match, the results of the opposition team shall be accepted as correct.

Unless there are any outstanding ruling requests which have been referred to WPG as disputes, the results of all league matches are final when published on the WPG website. Results of all league matches will be published by 12h00 noon on the Wednesday following the Saturday league matches. The results will also be emailed to the Club's League Manager.

- 31. 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/skirts/skort. Players failing to adhere to the dress code will not be allowed on the course. The WPG Code of Conduct will apply.
- 32. 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.
- 33. 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.
- 34. 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.internationalgolfederation.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.
- 35. CHANGES:** The Executive Committee of WPG shall have the right to amend, alter, delete or add to the above Rules at any time.
- 36. VERSION:** This version of the Women's Saturday League Rules supersedes all previous versions and is effective from 15 January 2023.

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