



Western Province Golf

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A. 2023 SUPER SENIOR LEAGUE TERMS OF COMPETITION

By confirming entry for the 2023 Super Senior League, the Club its manager and players agree to abide by all the terms of the competition given below:

(This document can be found on WPG's website on the relevant 'Leagues' page at www.westernprovincegolf.co.za.)

- A.1 GENERAL:** The following are the Rules and Terms of Competition governing the 1st, 2nd or 3rd Leagues run under the control of the Executive of Western Province Golf (WPG) that shall commence on 2 September 2023 and conclude on 11 November 2023.
- A.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.
- A.3 COMPOSITION OF THE LEAGUE:** For 2023, the league will consist of 10 teams. The Super Senior League shall be made up of 2 pools, with cross pool semi-finals that shall be played at the home course of the respective pool winners and a final.
- During the pool phase, each team will play 2 matches at home and 2 matches away, i.e., each rounds matches will be played at one venue. Each team will have a bye.
- In the event of a tie the winner of the semi-final shall be determined by the holes count on the day. Should there still be a tie, the higher seeded team shall be declared the winner.
- The final shall be played at a neutral venue arranged by WPG. In the event of a tie the winner shall be determined by the total stableford points count on the day. Should there still be a tie, the league shall be shared.
- A.4 COMPOSITION OF THE TEAMS:** Each team shall consist of 4 players.
- A.5 FORMAT OF THE LEAGUE:** The format of the League is Better Ball Stableford. Stableford is played under the rules of Stroke Play, as such, no putts may be conceded. The competition shall be played over 18 holes.
- A.6 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:** Players must be registered affiliated members with full golfing status 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. Consideration may be given to *bona fide* interim-year membership transfers because of the non-calendar year financial year end of the transferring club with a limit of one such concession in a consecutive 3-year cycle.

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.

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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 case, the club must request permission from WPG for such dispensation. Such dispensation is at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee appointed by WP Golf.

Any player suspended from a Club or suspended from the Leagues in terms of the Constitution of WPG or League Terms of Competition is not eligible to represent any Club during his period of suspension.

Only players who have turned 60 (Sixty) on the date of a fixture are eligible to compete in this League.

A.7 TEAM MANAGERS: Team managers are not permitted.

A.8 SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS: If a player must be replaced after the draw for a fixture has been published, it must be a direct replacement.

A.9 SCORING: At the end of 18 holes the games won, drawn or lost, as well as the stableford points, must be recorded. The winning team of the day will be that team with the most games won. In the event of a draw all games' stableford points of each team will be added and the team with the higher total will be the winner. If the total number of stableford points is tied, the match will be deemed as halved.

Log points will be awarded as follows:

- Winning Team (most games won): 3 points,
- Winning a drawn match (most total stableford points count-out): 2 points,
- Losing a drawn match (least total stableford points count-out): 1 point, and
- Drawn match (equal total Stableford points count-out): 1½ points.

A.10 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 shall receive a 'Yellow Card' for the first instance. Should this happen again, WPG shall penalise the team by deducting 1 point from their accumulated points total on the log during the league stages.

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.

A.11 WINNER OF THE LEAGUE:

The team that wins the Final tie.

A.12 PROMOTION & RELEGATION: Not applicable to this League

A.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.

A.14 STARTING TIMES: In accordance with **Rule 5.3a** of the Rules of Golf, players shall start at the times allocated by the "Home", should the starting time be missed, penalty under the rules of golf shall

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apply. Play shall start at the tee 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.

- A.15 TEES:** Play shall be from the stipulated tees identified by the “Home” club. WPG recommends the matches are played from the club competition markers for the day.
- A.16 LOCAL RULES:** The Local Rules of the “Home” Club shall be the Local Rules in force on the day of the match.
- A.17 TRANSPORTATION:** The use of driven motorized golf carts is permitted with the approval of the host Club. The use of motorbikes is prohibited.
- A.18 PLAYER ADVICE:** Assistance in the form advice to any player can only be gained from the player’s own playing partner or their caddie. Should a player be in breach of this condition, **Rule 10.2** of the rules of golf shall be applied, Stroke play – 2 penalty strokes.
- A.19 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 Super Senior League Games and all scores are to be captured.
- A.20 SNACKS & DRINKS:** It is at the sole discretion of the clubs 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 the host club.
- A.21 PLAYING FEES:** There are no playing fees.
- A.22 REIMBURSEMENT:** Not applicable to this League.
- A.23 CHANGES:** The Executive Committee of WPG shall have the right to amend, alter, delete or add to the above League Terms of Competition at any time.
- A.24 VERSION:** This version of the Super Senior League Terms of Competition supersedes all previous versions and is effective from 1 September 2023.

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B 2023 GENERAL LEAGUE TERMS OF COMPETITION

- B.1 TEAM ELIGIBILITY:** Only Clubs affiliated to WPG or invited by WPG may compete in the league.
- B.2 WITHDRAWAL:** Should a team withdraw or be suspended during the course of the season, all their matches in their section shall be null and voided. In terms of comparing for seeding all the teams in the group have been adjusted by the appropriate multiple.
- B.3 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.
- B.4 RULES OF THE COMPETITION:** Play shall be strictly in accordance with the *Rules of Golf* as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd.
- B.5 DRESS CODE:** Teams must play in uniform i.e., same shirts and pants. Players failing to adhere to the above dress code shall not be allowed on the course.
- B.6 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT BRANDING:** Competitors and caddies must conform with the *GolfRSA Logo and Marks Policy*, which has been adopted by WPG, as it pertains to branding on clothing and equipment. The relevant document can be viewed on the tournament page on www.golfrsa.co.za.

(https://admin.mygolftournament.co.za/frame/index.php?lang=en&tarid_1_1=tar/download/90270000005583/4851)
- Incorrectly dressed players shall not be permitted to play and any queries in this regard should be made to WPG to avoid embarrassment.
- B.7 CADDIES:** Players may use only professional caddies employed by the host Club, unless arranged otherwise with the host club.
- B.8 CODE OF CONDUCT: Player Conduct and Spirit of The Game:** It is one of the central principles of the game of golf that all players are expected to play by the Rules and in the spirit of the game. Under *Rule 1.2a*, WPG reserves the right to disqualify a player for serious misconduct for acting contrary to the spirit of the game during a Premier League game as per the Rules of Golf, and a player guilty of any serious breach of etiquette shall be severely dealt with in terms of the Constitution of WP Golf.
- B.9 SLOW PLAY:** Slow play under *Rule 5.6* shall be strictly enforced. Any player found to be in breach shall be penalised in terms of the rules.
- B.10 ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS:** A match shall be played, unless:
- The Greenkeeper or Club Manager (person duly authorised) closes the course before play is due to start.
 - WPG, after consultation, deems the forecasted (on day prior or day of play) weather conditions to be dangerous. In such events, WPG shall, if possible, notify the Clubs accordingly.

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- iii) If the course becomes unplayable or the weather becomes dangerous, players may agree to discontinue play as per **Rule 5.7a**.
- iv) If play is suspended, or the course is closed by the respective club or WPG, and no further play is possible on the day of the league fixture, then **Cl. B.10** of these "General League Terms of Competition" shall apply.

B.11 ABANDONED PLAY: In the event of play for the day being abandoned, the results of the match shall be determined as follows:

- If any match has not completed nine holes, the match shall be declared a half.
- The result of matches, where more than nine holes have been completed, shall be determined by the state of the match when play is discontinued.

B.12 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, they may continue to use motorised transport if allowed under the specific League Terms of Competition.

B.13 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.

B.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.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 shall include alcohol consumption during play. Breach of condition is disqualification. (Match in Question)

B.15 DISPUTES: WPG shall appoint a Tournament Committee, and this Committee, whose decision shall be final, shall settle all disputes concerning the League & General League Terms of Competition.

Clubs / Team Captains should draw the attention of their players to **Rule 20**, which clearly sets out the procedure to be followed if a rules issue arises on the course.

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