



Western Province Golf

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A. 2024 MID-AMATEUR LEAGUE TERMS OF COMPETITION

By confirming entry for the 2024 Mid-Amateur (Mid-Am) 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 Mid-Am League run under the control of the Executive of Western Province Golf (WPG) that shall commence on 20 January 2024 and conclude on 19 May 2024.
- A.2 TROPHY:** Teams shall compete for the Mid-Amateur League Trophy. Teams representing competing Clubs shall compete for the Trophy annually. The name of the Club winning the respective League shall be engraved on the Trophy. The Club will be the holder of the Trophy until the end of the following year's competition, and a shield will be awarded to the winning Club at the WPG Awards Ceremony at the end of the year.
- A.3 COMPOSITION OF THE LEAGUE:** For 2024, the league will consist of 11 teams made up of 2 sections (pools).

During the section phase, each team will play 4 or 5 matches, against each team in their section on a 'home' and 'away' basis.

The top 2 teams in each section will play in a seeded cross section semi-final matches on a 'home' and 'away' basis. 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 holes 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 8 players, 4 to play at 'Home' and 4 to play 'Away'.
- A.5 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.
- A.6 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:** Players must be registered affiliated members with full golfing status of the competing Club and handicapped at that Club.

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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.

Should a player have represented his Club twice in the Masters League, he is ineligible to play in the Mid-Am League, 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 30 (Thirty) 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 CONCEDED MATCHES: Out of respect for the opposing team, every effort must be made to fill a full team complement even if having to substitute with weaker players. In exceptional cases where a club is unable to field a full team of 8 players for a particular scheduled fixture, clubs must field as many players as possible by:

- i) Firstly, fill their 'Away' team (4 players).
- ii) Fielding the remaining number of available players to play 'Home' matches in playing order from 1 to 4, and the 'home' matches that cannot be contested will then be conceded, starting at 4.
- iii) Only in the event of a club being unable to field sufficient players in this manner may matches be conceded.
- iv) WP Golf, in the first instance and the opposing club must be informed as soon as it has been established that a full team cannot be fielded.

Should a Club fail to meet the minimum match requirement of 6 players, for a fixture as described above, they shall be withdrawn from the League and **Clause B.2** of the **2024 General League Terms Of Competition** shall apply.

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A.10 SCORING: The team winning the most games on the day shall 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 shall be declared the winner of the match. A team that wins a match outright shall be awarded 2 points. If the match is halved each team shall be awarded 1 point.

A.11 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,

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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.12 WINNER OF THE LEAGUE: The team that wins the Final tie.

A.13 PROMOTION & RELEGATION: Not applicable to this League for 2024.

A.14 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.15 STARTING TIMES: In accordance with **Rule 5.3a** of the Rules of Golf, players shall start at the times allocated by the “Home” club, should the starting time be missed, penalty under the rules of golf shall 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.16 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.17 LOCAL RULES: The Local Rules of the “Home” Club shall be the Local Rules in force on the day of the match.

A.18 TRANSPORTATION: During Mid-Am League games, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorised transportation. A player who shall play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance, is always authorised to ride on motorised transportation. Motorised transportation may be permitted if applied for and permission is granted by WPG. Such permission requires a medical certificate.

A.19 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, **Rule 10.2** of the rules of golf shall be applied, Match play – loss of hole.

A.20 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.

A.21 SNACKS & DRINKS: It is at the sole discretion of the clubs to provide halfway and drinks after the round. A recommendation of halfway including a drink and 2 drinks 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.22 PLAYING FEES: There are no playing fees.

A.23 REIMBURSEMENT: Not applicable to this League.

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A.24 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.25 VERSION: This version of the Mid-Am League Terms of Competition supersedes all previous versions and is effective from 1 January 2024.

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Acting Presidents: Richard Nell & Maureen Weimar | **GM Golf Operations:** Robert Scott | **GM Finance & Admin:** Michele Kern

B 2024 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 a league season, all their matches in their section shall be null and voided. In the event of a club withdrawing a team or being suspended during the league season, such a club will be liable for a fine of R10 000 (1st offence) or R15 000 (subsequent offence) per team. Depending on the nature of such withdrawals and/or repeat offenders, further sanction in terms of **Section 8.4** of the Constitution of the Western Province Golf Union shall apply.
- 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 playing pairs shall be submitted in playing order, 4 to 1. 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:
- i) The Greenkeeper or Club Manager (person duly authorised) closes the course before play is due to start.
 - ii) WPG, after consultation, deems the forecasted (on day prior or day of play) weather

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conditions to be dangerous. In such events, WPG shall, if possible, notify the Clubs accordingly.

- 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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