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WOMEN'S TUESDAY LEAGUE CONDITIONS 2024

These rules and conditions will govern the Women's Tuesday League that commences on 23 January 2024 and concludes on 13 August 2024.

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

1. **GENERAL:** The following are the Rules and Conditions governing the Women's Tuesday 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 (1st – 5th) and in which League Division entered teams will play.

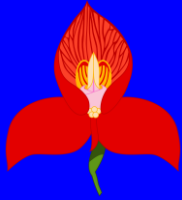
1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th league: Each team will play all other teams in that Handicap Division twice. All teams within their Handicap Division will play at one venue each month.
2nd league: Will consist of two (2) sections. Each team will play all other teams in their section twice. All teams within their group will play at one venue each month.
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:**
1st League will consist of 4 players per team
2nd – 5th League will consist of 6 players per team
5. **FORMAT OF THE HANDICAP LEAGUE DIVISIONS:**

1 st League	maximum HI 18	Singles and Foursomes match play
2 nd League	HI 6 – 18	Singles and Foursomes match play
3 rd League	HI 12 - 22	Singles and Foursomes match play
4 th League	HI 15 – 25	Fourball match play
5 th League	HI 18 – 28	Fourball match play

See Point 16 for applicable HI Concessions.
6. **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.
 - a. All league matches are allocated tee times.
 - b. It is not permissible to delay the tee-off times of matches by waiting for players to arrive. See Rule 5.3 of the Rules of Golf for exceptional circumstances and Rule 23.4 for representation of a side in Fourball matches.
 - c. Matches shall keep up with the match/field ahead of them.
 - d. WPG reserves the right to alter the start times of matches due to unforeseen or exceptional circumstances. Clubs will be notified in advance where possible.
7. **ORDER OF PLAY:** Clubs to tee off in order as per the fixture list.

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Singles 1st League: In strict order of HI - 4th player down to 1st player

Singles 2nd & 3rd League: In strict order of HI – 6th player down to 1st player

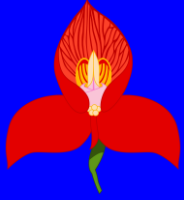
Foursomes & Four-ball: In strict order of combined pairings HI – 3rd pairing down to 1st pairing

The order of play may be changed by mutual agreement of team captains but this agreement must NOT be done deliberately to avoid the penalty for a player not being able to start at the original starting time.

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:** 1st, 3rd 4th and 5th league: On conclusion of the final round of the round robin fixtures, the team with the most points in each Division shall be the winner of that Division. In the event of a tie, the winner shall be the 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. **PLAYOFF 2nd league:** At the conclusion of the sectional round robin matches, the team with the highest number of points in each section will advance to the playoff. The format of the playoff shall be Singles Matchplay:
In the event of a tie after the completion of the Playoff, the winner will be determined as follows:
 - a. the higher aggregate of individual matches played (i.e., the higher positive difference between games won and lost) over the season
 - b. if the teams have the same differential, the winning place will be shared.
11. **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:** Any player suspended from a Club or suspended from the Leagues in terms of the Constitution of the WPG or League Rules/Conditions of the WPG is not eligible to represent any Club during the period of their suspension.
Players may only play league for one WPG affiliated club during each calendar year. A player must be registered affiliated member of the competing Club and handicapped at that Club. Except if:
 - a. A player is a member of more than one club, she 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's home club is in another province, she may play league for her WPG affiliated club, provided that she obtains written 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. Once a player obtains such permission, she may not represent any other WPG club during the same calendar year.
12. **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.
Handicap Allowance – (PH)
 - a. **1st League:**
Singles and Foursomes – N/A – All players play off scratch (no strokes given or received).
 - b. **2nd & 3rd League:**
Singles = Full CH. The lower CH player plays off scratch and the difference between the 2 players CH is the number of strokes given.

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Foursomes = 50% of combined CH (rounded off to a whole number – 0.5 is rounded up). The lower combined PH pairing plays off scratch and the difference between the 2 pairings combined PH is the number of strokes given.

c. 4th & 5th League:

Four-ball = 90% of CH. The lowest PH player plays off scratch and the difference between each of the 3 other players PH is the number of strokes each player is given. If one of the players is absent, their PH will still be taken into consideration for determining who plays off scratch.

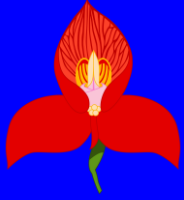
- 13. SCORING:** The team winning the most games on the day will be declared the winner of the match. Games that are tied at the end of 18 holes shall not proceed beyond the 18th green, but shall be considered halved games. Log points will be awarded as follows: The team that wins a match outright (most games won) will be awarded 2 points. If the match (games won the same) is halved each team will be awarded 1 point.
- 14. 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 venue. 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.
- 15. SELECTION:**
- All players selected must be within the Divisions HI parameters they are being selected for unless:
 - Should one player's HI be lower than the HI parameter of the Division they are being selected for then a concession must be applied for (see Point 15) or
 - Should any players HI be higher than the HI parameter of the Division they are being selected for then they must use the maximum HI allowed for that Division.
 - For 1st- 3rd League Divisions Singles selection: In EACH of the Divisions players may be first selected according to team compatibility and then must be ranked in strict HI order.
 - For 1st- 3rd League Divisions Foursomes selection: In EACH of the Divisions players may be first paired according to compatibility and then ranked in strict order of their combined HI.
 - For 4th- 5th League Divisions Four-ball selection: In EACH of the Divisions players may be first paired according to compatibility and then ranked in strict order of their combined HI.
 - Players who have elected to only play Fourball and whose names have been submitted to WPG (Point 16b) are not eligible for selection to 1st to 3rd League teams.
 - Players may be selected to play in any League Division team that they qualify for as per the above points.

After selection

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Any player having an open round on the day of league will not be eligible to play. League Managers shall be responsible for ensuring their players meet this requirement.

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e. Except within the constraints of HI limits and team selection criteria of the various league Divisions (Points 5 and 14), WPG does not otherwise prescribe the selection criteria employed by a club.

16. CONCESSIONS

Required for:

a. Player with Lower HI than Division parameters (2nd League – 5th League)

A club may apply, in advance to WPG, for a concession to include one (1) player per fixture whose HI is lower than the Division HI parameters. Their current HI must be used.

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.

b. Players who elect to play Fourball match play only

A Club may apply, prior to the start of the league season, for a concession for player/s who elect to only play in 4th and/or 5th Divisions (i.e., would only like to play Fourball match play for the entire season). All players names must be submitted. These players are no longer eligible to play in any other league Division.

Not required for:

c. Players 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.

17. SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS: In the event of a team having a selected player/s withdraw just prior to a fixture, clubs may use one (1) of the following options to fill the team:

a. use a player from their pool of reserve players, whose HI is within the HI parameters of the Division (if the substitute players HI is not within the Division's HI parameter, [see Point 15a](#))

b. Move the lowest HI player in their next Division team up (if the substitute players HI is not within the Division's HI parameter, [see Point 15a](#))

c. Concede the last match of the team where the player has withdrawn and must notify WPG & opponents 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.

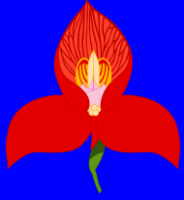
Players need to support the caddies from the club where league is being played. Only once a player has ascertained that NO club caddies are available at the host club, may a player then obtain the consent of the host club to bring an outside caddie whose name will then be recorded, provided the club 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.

20. PLAYER ADVICE: As per definition of Advice, Rule 10.2a and Rule 24.4 of the Rules of Golf. Should a team be in breach of this condition, Match play - loss of hole.

a. Assistance in the form of advice, to any player can only be gained from the player's caddie or own

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playing partner.

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 RESPONSIBILITIES: Each competing team shall have a captain whose responsibilities include:

- a. Being present at the match **at least** 20 minutes before starting time.
- b. Preparing the WPG Team Result Sheet indicating players' names, HI, CH, PH, and order of play and exchanging the details on their sheet with their opposing captains upon arrival at the League venue.
- c. Ensuring that their players are ready to tee off in the correct order and on time (i.e., at their allocated tee times).
- d. Completing, verifying, and submitting the WPG Team Result Sheet (in original excel format) to the WPG League Administrator.

22. 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 6c, matches must keep up with the match ahead and get back into position after a ball search. A Group is considered to be 'out of position' when they are more than their starting interval behind the group in front of them. Any Group that remains "out of position" for more than three(3) 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 the player(s), that their pace of play is unacceptable and must be addressed.

23. 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 matches will be conceded. In the event of a player being disqualified, that match is conceded, and the rest of the team must play in its original order.
- b. Four-ball/Foursomes: When a team lacks its full complement of players on the day of a scheduled match, as many players as possible must play. At least two of the three matches must be played. In Four-ball match play, if only 2 players are available, each singly must play against an opposing pairing.
- c. As a courtesy the opposing captains must be informed as soon as it has been established that a full team cannot be fielded.

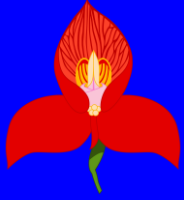
In the event of a club being unable to field a team, that team will be withdrawn from the league and all points from all matches in which they played will become null and void. Should a team withdraw, be withdrawn or be suspended during the league season, along with a fine of R5000 per team may be imposed and all their matches in their section will be considered null and void.

24. 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 (one 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

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the course is unplayable, they may request a ruling from the WPG Office before resuming play, otherwise they are disqualified.

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

e. 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.

25. 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.

26. 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: As per the WHS Rules of Handicapping, effective January 2024, (Rule 3.2b Clarifications), kindly note that players who go on to complete the round after the match has ended, should not enter their stroke play scores for the remaining holes, because the combination of a match play and social stroke play score, is not an acceptable score.

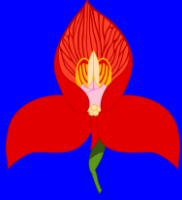
Players who finish their match before the full 18 holes have been played, may enter their hole-by-hole gross scores for the completed holes in the HNA system, and selecting the incomplete round option on the HNA system. The system will then use the WHS expected score algorithm, to complete the 18 holes gross score for the player.

Alternatively, a player may enter Par plus any handicap strokes (i.e. Net Par) applicable to the unfinished holes, and enter an adjusted gross score for 18 holes.

NOTE: Players should be aware that electing the alternatively option may result in a slightly lower Adjusted Gross Score, and Score Differential, than the system applied expected score calculation.

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

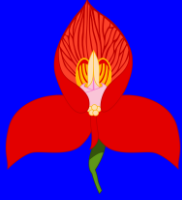
Should a club fail to submit the result, they shall receive a "Yellow Card" for the first instance. Should this happen again, WPG shall penalise the team by deducting 1 point from their accumulated points total on the log during the league stages.

Unless there are any outstanding ruling requests that have been referred to WPG as disputes, or a ruling request is made under Rule 20.1b(2) or a breach of Rule 20.2e is brought to the attention of WPG, 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 Friday following the Tuesday 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/skorts. 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

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Substances and Methods, are available from the International Golf Federation's website (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.

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. **TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:** A tournament committee shall be appointed and consist of five (5) persons the WPG League Administrator, the WPG Executive: Women's Leagues, the WPG General Manager, the WPG (Women) President or Vice President and WPGRA Chairman or Vice Chairman or Secretary.
35. **VERSION:** This version of the Women's Tuesday League Rules supersedes all previous versions and is effective from 1 January 2024.

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