

## Western Province Golf

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### WPG SCHOOL LEAGUE CONDITIONS 2024

These rules and conditions will govern the WPG School League that commences on 15 April 2024 and concludes on 26 August 2024.

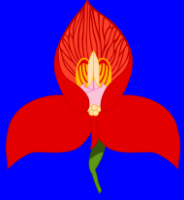
- 1. GENERAL:** The following are the Rules and Conditions governing the WPG High School league run under the control of the Executive of Western Province Golf (WPG).
- 2. COMPOSITION OF THE LEAGUE:** The Leagues shall consist of three Divisions (A, B and C) each with two Sections (North and South). WPG reserve the right to determine the number of teams in each League Division and in which League Division entered teams will play.

Teams will play each team in their Division (Round Robin)

- 3. ELIGIBILITY:** Only schools in good standing (WPG League fees paid) may compete in the league.
  - a. School teams may only field scholars who attend their school.
  - b. School unable to fill their teams with their own scholars must notify WPG.
  - c. Only scholar whose school cannot or do not enter a team may play in an Invitational (Combined) Teams.
  - d. WPG reserves the right to allow scholars to play as a combined team, subject to prior Tournament committee approval.
- 4. COMPOSITION OF THE TEAMS:** All teams will consist of 6 players.
- 5. FORMAT OF THE LEAGUE DIVISIONS:**

A League (North & South)	9 holes Singles Match play (played Scratch)
B League (North & South)	9 holes Singles Match play (played Scratch)
C League (North & South)	9 holes Individual Stableford max. HI 18 (played using CH)
- 6. DATES & VENUES:** Dates of matches shall be set by WPG and published.
- 7. HOSTING:** The team listed first (Team A) on the fixture list will host the league match.
- 8. STARTING TIMES:**
  - a. In accordance with Rule 5.3a of the Rules of Golf, players will start at the times allocated. Should the starting time be missed, penalty under the Rules of Golf will apply.
  - b. The first matches will commence at the times designated in the fixtures.
  - c. Match groups shall keep up with the match/field ahead of them.
- 9. ORDER OF PLAY (Teeing order):**

A & B League: In strict order 6<sup>th</sup> player down to 1<sup>st</sup> (best) player.  
C League: In strict order of HI with 1<sup>st</sup> (lowest HI) player up to 6<sup>th</sup> player.  
The order of play may only be changed by mutual agreement of team managers.



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### 10. TEES:

A & B Division – The white course at each host venue shall be played

C Division – The red course at each host venue shall be played

Girls – The red course at each host venue shall be played

**11. LOCAL RULES:** Play shall be strictly in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd. The Local Rules of the Host Club will be the Local Rules in force on the day of the match.

**12. SLOW PLAY:** Team Managers 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. Matches must keep up with the match ahead and get back into position after a ball search

### 13. SCORING:

A and B Division: 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 9 holes shall not proceed beyond the 9<sup>th</sup> green, but shall be considered halved games.

C League: The team with the most Stableford points (best 4 of 6 scores) on the day will be declared the winner of the match. Games shall not proceed beyond the 9<sup>th</sup> green.

**14. MANAGERS RESPONSIBILITIES:** Each competing team shall have a manager whose responsibilities include: Being present at the match at time of starting.

- a. Preparing the WPG Team Result Sheet indicating players' names, HI, CH (C League), and order of play and exchanging the details on their sheet with their opposing team upon arrival at the League venue.
- b. Ensuring that their players are ready to tee off in the correct order and on time (i.e. at their allocated tee times).
- c. Completing, verifying and submitting the WPG Team Result Sheet via WhatsApp group directly after play to the WPG League Administrator.

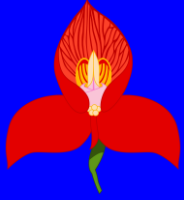
**15. CADDIES:** No caddies allowed.

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

- a. Players from the same school (are not partners) and may not ask or give advice to one another, even when playing in the same group.

**17. SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS:** In the event of a team having a selected player/s withdraw and unable to play, one (1) of the following options may be used to fill the team:

- a. use a player from their pool of reserve players,
- b. Move the lowest HI player in their next Division team up (if they have more than 1 team)
- c. Concede the last match of the team where the player has withdrawn and must notify opponents as soon as possible.



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### 18. CONCEDING MATCHES:

- a. 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/es 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. As a courtesy the opposing team should be informed as soon as it has been established that a full team cannot be fielded.

In the event of a school 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.

### 19. 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 League 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 School League Managers 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.

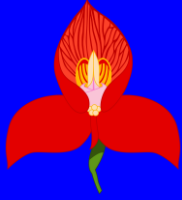
### 20. ABANDONED PLAY: If play is suspended, or the course is closed by the respective club, and no further play is possible on the day of the league fixture, matches not having completed nine holes will be declared a half.

### 21. DISPUTES: The Executive Committee of WPG shall appoint a Tournament Committee, and this Committee, whose decision shall be final, will settle all disputes.

School 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 manager 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 Administrator. 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.

### 22. TEAM RESULT SHEETS: School League Managers shall be sent via email the Team Result sheet template to be completed on day of play at each fixture.



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- 23. SUBMISSION OF RESULTS:** After the completion of each match, it is the responsibility of each Team manager to send or email the verified Results Sheets to their League Managers.

League Managers must submit the Result Sheets, via the WhatsApp group, to the WPG Schools League Administrator on completion of the league matches. Should a team not submit results by 17h00 on the Tuesday following the league match, the results of the opposition team shall be accepted as correct.

Unless there are any outstanding ruling requests that have been referred to WPG as disputes, or a ruling request is made under Rule 201b(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 Wednesday following the Monday league matches. The results will also be emailed to the Schools League Manager.

- 24. LOGS:** Points will be awarded as follows: The team that wins a match outright (most games won) will be awarded 2 points. If the match is halved (same number of games won) each team will be awarded 1 point.

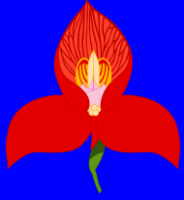
- 25. WINNERS OF THE LEAGUE DIVISIONS:** At the conclusion of the final round of the round robin fixtures, the team with the most points in each League Division by Section (North and South) will be the winner of that Section and shall compete in the Finals.

In the event of a tie in the A & B Leagues the following will determine which team progresses:

- a. the team with the highest aggregate of individual matches, i.e., the higher positive difference between matches won and matches lost (differential).
  - b. Should there still be a tie, the winner shall be the team with the most matches won.
  - c. 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, a playoff will determine which team progresses to the Finals.
- 26. FINALS:** The Finals to determine the overall winner of each League Division will be played as follows:
- a. The Winner of North Section A, B and C League vs the Winner of the South Section A, B and C League respectively, to determine the overall Winner and Runner-up of each League.
  - b. The Runner-up of North Section A, B and C League vs the Runner-up of the South Section A, B and C League, to determine 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place of each League.
  - c. The format of the playoff shall be Singles Matchplay.

In the event of a tie after the completion of the Final, 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.
- 27. 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



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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.

28. **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. Players who have completed their match are considered spectators if they go on to the course to follow their team.
29. **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.internationalgolffederation.org](http://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. **VERSION:** This version of the WPG School League Rules supersedes all previous versions and is effective from 24 July 2024.