

Western Province Golf

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SUPER SENIOR LEAGUE TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

By confirming entry for the 2024 Super Senior League, the Club, its Committee, Club Manager, League Co-ordinator and players agree to 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.)

- 1 GENERAL:** The following are the Rules and Terms of Competition governing the Super Senior League run under the control of the Executive of Western Province Golf (WPG) that shall commence on 31 August 2024 and conclude on 10 November 2024.
- 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.
- 3 COMPOSITION OF THE LEAGUE:** For 2024, the league will consist of 8 teams. The Super Senior League shall consist of the number of teams in the relevant draw. Each team shall play all other teams in the league.
- 4 CLUB TEAM ELIGIBILITY:** Only Clubs affiliated to WPG or invited by WPG may compete in the league.
- 5 COMPOSITION OF THE TEAM:** Each team shall consist of 4 players.
- 6 TEAM MANAGERS:** Team managers are not permitted. All team co-ordinators or club officials are spectators as per **Cl. 35**.

Penalty for Breach of **Cl. 6**: 1 point deduction from the Club's accumulated points total on the log.

- 7 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:** Players must be registered affiliated members with full golfing status of the competing Affiliated 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.

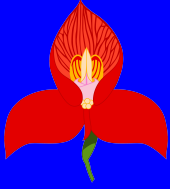
A player may not represent a Club in two different, non-aged-based leagues on the same weekend, unless he has been nominated as a reserve for the Premier or Premier Reserve League team and represents his Club in the Premier or Premier Reserve League on that weekend due to the withdrawal of a player.

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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.

- 8 FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION:** The format of the League is Four Ball Stableford played off scratch. Stableford is played under the rules of Stroke Play, as such, no putts may be conceded. The competition shall be played over 18 holes. Each team will play a minimum of 3 matches at home, i.e. each rounds matches will be played at one venue.
- 9 WINNER OF THE LEAGUE:** The team with the most log points shall win the league. Should there be a tie then the team with the most “games for” shall be declared the winner. Should the “games for” be tied then the winner of the League match between the two teams shall be declared the winner. If the League match, between the two teams, had resulted in a half, then the trophy shall be shared.
- 10 PROMOTION & RELEGATION:** Not applicable to the Super Senior League.
- 11 RULES OF THE COMPETITION:** Play shall be strictly in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd.
- 12 LOCAL RULES:** The Local Rules of the “Home” Club shall be the Local Rules in force on the day of the match.

Penalty for Breach of **Cl. 12:** General Penalty in Stroke Play – General penalty unless otherwise stated.
- 13 DRESS CODE:** Teams must play in uniform i.e., same shirts and pants. Players failing to adhere to the dress code shall not be allowed on the course.
- 14 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT BRANDING:** Players and caddies must conform with the WP Golf Logo and Marks Policy, as it pertains to branding on clothing and equipment. The relevant document can be viewed on the tournaments page on www.westernprovincegolf.co.za.

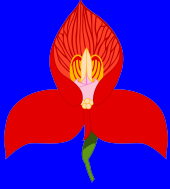
Incorrectly dressed players shall not be permitted to play and any queries in this regard should be made to WPG to avoid embarrassment.
- 15 DATES & VENUES:** Dates of matches shall be arranged by WPG. Should any venue be deemed unsuitable for the playing of League matches, the Executive of WPG reserves the right to exclude or remove matches from such a venue.
- 16 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, 2 and 1. Clubs must also indicate the “home” times and tees for the fixture on the submission sheet.

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

18 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 that a club is not able to field a full team complement of players for a particular scheduled fixture, the remaining available players must move up the playing order (2 – 1), and the match that cannot be contested will then be conceded.

Teams must play with a minimum of 2 players or shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the league (Cl.34).

WP Golf and the opposing club must be informed as soon as it has been established that a full team cannot be fielded.

19 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.

20 TEES: Play shall be from the stipulated tees identified by the “Home” club.

21 CADDIES: Players may use only professional caddies employed by the host Club, unless arranged otherwise with the host club.

22 TRANSPORTATION: The use of driven motorized golf carts is permitted with the approval of the host Club. The use of motorbikes is prohibited.

23 PLAYER ADVICE: Assistance in the form advice to any player can only be gained from the player’s own caddie or playing partner and/or their caddie. Should a team be in breach of this condition, **Rule 10.2** of the rules of golf shall be applied, Stroke Play - General Penalty (2 strokes).

24 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:

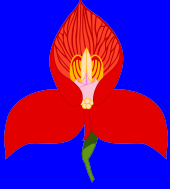
- Winning Team (most games won): 3 points,
- Winning a drawn match (most total stableford points count-out): 2 points,
- Losing a drawn match (least total stableford points count-out): 1 point, and
- Drawn match (equal total stableford points count-out): 1½ points.

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- 25 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 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.
- 26 SLOW PLAY:** Team Captains are responsible for their players' pace of play. Players must be made aware of Rule 5.6 and in particular, Rule 5.6b: Prompt Pace of Play and 5.6b (2): Playing Out of Turn to Help Pace of Play in stroke play. 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 to the host club's rules official, who shall enforce any penalties in terms of the rules or the host club's Pace of Play Policy.
- 27 ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS:** A match shall be played, unless:
- i) The Greenkeeper or Club Manager (person duly authorized) closes the course before play is due to start.
 - ii) 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.
 - 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.28** of these League Terms of Competition shall apply.
- 28 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.
- 29 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 of matches are final once the signed scorecards are handed to the home/away team captains, unless a request for a ruling has been made as set out in **Cl.38**.

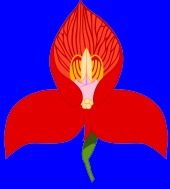
The results at a venue should be provided to the Club Captain for announcement at prize giving. If the results are not readily available from the host club, the responsibility for determining the

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overall result rests with the Team Captains.

- 30 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 Super Senior League Games and all scores are to be captured by 24h00 on the day after the round was played as per the GolfRSA rules and explanations for South Africa. Effective January 2024.

Penalty for Breach of **Cl. 30:**

First offence: Disqualification of player for that fixture.

Second offence: Disqualification of the player for the remainder of the season.

- 31 PLAYING FEES:** There are no playing fees.
- 32 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.
- 33 REIMBURSEMENT:** Not Applicable to the Super Senior League.
- 34 WITHDRAWAL:** Should a team withdraw for any reason 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.
- 35 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 as per the "Parent/Guardian & Spectator Code" that can be found on the Tournament Page on the WP Golf website. 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.

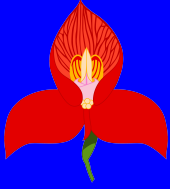
Penalty for Breach of **Cl. 35:** 1 point deduction from the Club's accumulated points total on the log.

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- 36 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.
- 37 DRUG FREE SPORT (ANTI DOPING POLICY):** All players are subject to the provisions of the South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport’s Anti-Doping (SAIDS) Rules. Details of the SAIDS Anti-Doping Rules, and the current List of Prohibited Substances and Methods, are available from the SAIDS website (www.drugfreesport.org.za). Players can do a medication or supplement check on-line. Players who have illnesses or conditions that require them to take particular medications or undergo procedures may have to apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE). If the medication or method a player requires to treat an illness or condition falls under the Prohibited List, a TUE may give that athlete the authorisation to use the required medicine or method. Random testing may take place. This shall include alcohol consumption during play. Breach of condition is disqualification. (Match where Breach occurs).
- 38 DISPUTES:** WPG shall appoint a Tournament Rulings 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 20.1a and 20.1b**, 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, following which: a. The League Result Sheet when submitted as per **Cl. 29** should be clearly marked “Ruling requested” and the matter brought to the attention of WPG and accompanied by the submission of a written report setting out the nature and details of the ruling request. If this procedure is not followed, no ruling shall be given, and the results of the match shall stand. b. In the event of the above procedure (**Rule 20.1a and b**) having been followed and no resolution obtained, the results of the match shall be determined by WPG using the League Results Sheet and any other information gathered by the Committee.

For any disputes regarding the contravention of either the League Terms of Competition , a claim must be lodged with WPG:

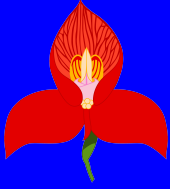
- a. When the League Result Sheet is submitted as per **Cl. 29** it should be clearly marked “DISPUTE” and accompanied by the submission of a written report setting out the nature and details of the “Dispute”. If this procedure is not followed, no ruling shall be made, and the results of the match shall stand.
- b. The Committee will make a ruling on the dispute based on the written report received and any additional information they gather.

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- 39 PENALTIES FOR BREACH OF LEAGUE TERMS OF THE COMPETITION:** Any Club team found guilty of a breach of these League Terms of the Competition, where not specified, shall vary depending on the significance of the contravention but could include warnings, player bans, point/s deduction from the accumulated points total on the log during the league stage or team disqualification.
- 40 CHANGES:** WPG shall have the right to amend, alter, delete, or add to the above League Terms of Competition at any time.
- 41 VERSION:** This version of the League Terms of Competition supersedes all previous versions and is effective from 19 August 2024.

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