



## Western Province Golf

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### HARRY SOLOMON LEAGUE TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

By confirming entry for the 2025 Harry Solomon 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](http://www.westernprovincegolf.co.za).)

- 1 **GENERAL:** The following are the Rules and Terms of Competition governing the Harry Solomon League run under the control of the Executive of Western Province Golf (WPG) that shall commence on 17 May 2025 and conclude on 20 July 2025.
- 2 **TROPHY:** Teams shall compete for the Harry Solomon Cup. This is a floating trophy presented by JM Logan in memory of the late Harry Solomon who rendered invaluable service to Western Province golf between 1923 and 1956. Teams representing competing Clubs shall compete for the trophy annually. The name of the Club winning the league will be engraved on the trophy. The Club will be the holder of the trophy until the end of the following year's competition.
- 3 **COMPOSITION OF THE LEAGUE:** For 2025, the league will consist of 15 teams made up of 2 sections (pools).

During the section phase, each team will play 6 or 7 matches, against each team in their section on a 'home' and 'away' basis. On conclusion of the final round of section fixtures, the teams will be classified in terms of points. In the event of a tie, the classification shall be the team with the highest "games for" count. Should there still be a tie, the classification shall be the result of the "head-to-head" section fixture of the teams. If the "head-to-head" result was a "half" (as per **Clause 24**), the winner shall be determined by the holes count of the "head-to-head" match.

In the case of semi-final qualification, if there is still a tie, then a playoff match shall be arranged by WP Golf on a date to be confirmed. The play-off match shall be played in the same format as per **Clause 8** and **24**.

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, a play-off match shall be played in the same format as per **Clause 8** and **24**.

The final shall be played at a 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.

- 4 **CLUB TEAM ELIGIBILITY:** Only Clubs affiliated to WPG and in good standing or invited by WPG may compete in the league. Every Club shall be entitled to one team in the Harry Solomon League.



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- 5 COMPOSITION OF THE TEAMS:** Each team shall consist of 16 players. 4 pairs (8 players) to play at 'Home' and 4 pairs (8 players) to play 'Away'.

A minimum of 4 players in the team must fall in the Handicap Index range of 12.8 to 16.0 and may be paired in any combination.

Penalty for Breach of **Clause 5**: Loss of match in question.

- 6 TEAM MANAGERS:** Team managers are not permitted. All team co-ordinators or club officials are spectators as per **Clause 35**.

Penalty for Breach of **Clause 6** or **35**:

- Round Robin Fixtures: 1 point deduction from the Club's accumulated points total on the log.
- Semi-Final: Loss of all Club teams games at venue where the breach occurred.
- Final: Loss of 4 games from the team's total.

- 7.0 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:** The Handicap Index (HI) range for all players competing in the league is 9.5 to 16.0, inclusive.

A player with a Handicap Index higher than 16.0 may be selected but must play off a handicap index of 16.0.

### Low Handicap Index:

A player's Low Handicap Index (Low HI) represents their lowest Handicap Index over the preceding 365-day period and provides a reference point against which their current Handicap Index can be compared.

In order for a player to be eligible, his Low Handicap Index (LHI) must be greater than 7.6.

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

Penalty for Breach of **Clause 7.0**:

First offence: Disqualification of player for that fixture.

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

### 7.1 HANDICAPS:

Players HI's shall not be frozen, but a League condition "hard" cap of + 2.0 on HI, using a base date of 6 April 2025 shall apply.

It is the responsibility of the clubs to check the status of their player's handicaps/open rounds, on the day of each fixture.

**On the day prior to a fixture, scores for any rounds played whenever possible be submitted by 23h00.**



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Players must play off a PH calculated from their HI / CH on the day of the match and not that declared on the team submission sheet. If a player's HI falls outside of the range of 9.5 to 16.0, the following shall apply:

- a) Should the player's HI exceed 16.0, he must use the maximum HI of 16.
- b) Should the player's HI fall below 9.5, he must play off his current lower HI.

On the day prior to a fixture, scores for any rounds played must be submitted **whenever** possible by 23h00.

It is the responsibility of the clubs to check the status of their player's handicaps/open rounds, on the day of each fixture.

Handicaps must be declared before the start of each match and any penalties (applicable) relating to a player declaring or playing off the wrong handicap will be applied according to **Rule 3.2c**.

If a player starts a match with an open round or a score not included in their HI calculation the following shall apply:

- **Disqualification of side (Rule 23.9b)** – if the HI/CH/PH declared and played off was higher than it should have been, following a manual recalculation of the player's HI (including all valid scores). (**Rule 3.2c, first bullet point**)
- **No penalty – match result stands** – if the HI/CH/PH declared and played off was equal to or lower than it should have been, following a manual recalculation of the player's HI (including all valid scores). (**Rule 3.2c, second bullet point**)

### **7.2 RESULTS:**

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 **Clause 38**.

- 8 FORMAT OF THE LEAGUE:** The format of the league shall be Better Ball Match Play with a Handicap Allowance of 90% of the GolfRSA HNA computed course handicap, the Playing Handicap (PH), as per **Rule 6.2** and **Appendix C** of the Rules of Handicapping (Effective January 2024).

The lowest PH in a four-ball playing off scratch and the remainder of the four-ball playing off a PH equal to the difference between the lowest PH in the four-ball and their PH.

The league will be played over 18 holes on a home and away basis with 4 games being played at home and 4 games away.

- 9 WINNER OF THE LEAGUE:** The team that wins the Final tie.
- 10 PROMOTION & RELEGATION:** Not applicable to the Harry Solomon 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.



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- 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 **Clause 12:** General Penalty in Match Play – Loss of Hole.

- 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:** Competitors and caddies must conform to the **WP Golf Logo and Marks Policy**, as it pertains to branding on clothing and equipment. The relevant document can be viewed on the governance page on [www.westernprovincegolf.co.za](http://www.westernprovincegolf.co.za).

[LOGO-MARKS-POLICY-V1.-Website.pdf \(westernprovincegolf.co.za\)](#)

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:** WPG shall arrange dates of matches. 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, 4 to 1 (home and away). Clubs must also indicate the “home” times for the fixture on the submission sheet.
- 17 SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS:** If a player must be replaced after the draw for a fixture has been distributed, it must be a direct replacement, no changes to the playing order are allowed.

The substitute must be such that the condition (**Clause 5**) that a minimum of 4 players must be in the HI range of 12.8 to 16 is adhered to.

- 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 where a club is unable to field a full team of 16 players for a particular scheduled fixture, clubs must field as many players as possible by:
- i) Firstly, fill their ‘Away’ team (8 players).
  - ii) Fielding the remaining number of available players to play ‘Home’ matches i.e.: if only four players are available, each singly must play against the opposing pair.
  - iii) Only in the event of a club being unable to field sufficient players in this manner may matches be conceded.
  - iv) WPG, 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 12 players, for a fixture as described above, they shall be withdrawn from the League and **Clause 34** shall apply.





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- 19 STARTING TIMES:** In accordance with **Rule 5.3** of the Rules of Golf, players will start at the times allocated by the 'Home' Club Committee, should the starting tee time be missed, penalty under the rules of Golf shall apply. These times should be allocated in the afternoon field. WP Golf suggest a tee time of around 12h30 (unless both clubs agree to a morning tee time). The match must be played at similar times at both venues.

Atlantis' home course is Rondebosch Golf Club, and their matches will be played on a Sunday Morning.

Cape Peninsula's home course is King David Mowbray Golf Club, and their matches will be played on a Sunday Morning.

- 20 TEES:** For Harry Solomon League matches, the matches are to start from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee as there will be handicapping / stroking requirements for the duration of the game. The Tees played from are those stipulated by WP Golf, as given in **Appendix A**.
- 21 CADDIES:** Players may use only professional caddies employed by the host Club, unless arranged otherwise with the host club. Caddies may not ride on motorised carts and must walk at all times.
- 22 TRANSPORTATION:** The use of driven motorised golf carts is permitted for players with the approval of the host Club. The use of motorbikes is prohibited.

Penalty for Breach of **Clause 22:**

First offence: Disqualification of player for that fixture.

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

- 23 PLAYER ADVICE:** Assistance in the form advice to any player may only be gained from/given by the player's own playing partner or their caddies. Should a player be in breach of this condition, **Rule 10.2** and **23.9a (2)** of the Rules of Golf shall be applied.

Penalty for Breach of **Clause 23:** General Penalty in Match Play – Loss of Hole.

- 24 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. A team that wins a match outright will be awarded 2 points. If the match is halved each team will be awarded 1 point. Should a course at a venue become unplayable before a match commences the result at that venue will be a draw, each pair being awarded a halved game. Provided the other venue remains playable, the 4 games played at the other venue shall determine the result. Should both venues be unplayable the result of the match will be a draw with each game being considered halved.
- 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.



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- 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 match 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:
- 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.
  - If the course becomes unplayable or the weather becomes dangerous, players may agree to discontinue play as per **Rule 5.7a**.
  - 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 **Clause 28** 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 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.



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- 30 SCORECARDS & HANDICAPPING:** In accordance with the World Handicapping System and as per the “Rules of Handicapping” published by R&A Rules Limited, **Rule 3**, for handicapping purposes rounds are to be opened for Harry Solomon 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. WPG recommend that players capture and enter their scores via the HNA app on a hole-by-hole basis up to the point that the match is concluded and then enter no scores for the remaining holes even if “casually” play after the match was concluded and the HNA app will assign these scores as per the handicap rules.

Score cards are to be kept, and player’s scores verified by marker signature after which all score cards are to be handed to the team captains for further reference.

Penalty for Breach of **Clause 30** – Score Capturing: 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 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.
- 33 REIMBURSEMENT:** Not Applicable to the Harry Solomon 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:** Spectators include any person defined in **Cl. 6**, who watches or follows play. 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.
- 36 POPI ACT POLICY:** By players participating in the Harry Solomon League, 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.



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- 37 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](http://www.internationalgolfederation.org)). Competitors who are taking medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from GolfRSA. Random testing may take place. This shall include alcohol consumption during play.

Breach of condition is disqualification (Match in Question).

- 38 DISPUTES:** WPG shall appoint a Tournament Committee, and this Committee, whose decision shall be final, will settle all disputes.

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 Tournament Committee.

For any disputes regarding the contravention of the Harry Solomon 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.

- 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, penalties 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:** 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.

- 41 VERSION:** This version of the Harry Solomon League Terms of Competition supersedes all previous versions and is effective from 30 May 2025.





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### ANNEXURE A

<i>Course</i>	<i>Length (m)</i>	<i>Tee &amp; Par</i>	<i>Course Rating</i>	<i>Stroke Rating</i>
Atlantic Beach	5 866	72	71.0	123
Bellville	5 814	72	71.6	132
Clovelly	5 867	72	71.0	125
Durbanville	5 957	72	71.7	128
King David Mowbray	5 570	72	71.7	124
Kuils River	5 767	72	71.3	119
Metropolitan	5 699	70	69.9	115
Milnerton (Par 72)	5 975	72	72.4	122
Parow	5 995	72	71.8	126
Rondebosch	5 592	72	70.0	122
Royal Cape	5 690	72	70.5	127
Simons Town	4 536	66	63.8	118
Somerset West	5 665	72	70.6	128
Steenberg	6 370	72	71.0	125
Strand	5 606	72	70.0	120
Westlake	5 867	72	71.2	123