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WOMEN'S TUESDAY LEAGUE CONDITIONS 2026

These rules and conditions will govern the Women's Tuesday League that commences on 20 January 2026 and concludes on 14 July 2026.

(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, 2nd & 3rd League: Each team will play all the other teams in that Division twice
4th and 5th League: Each team will play all the other teams in that Division once.
All teams within their Handicap League Division will play at one venue once or twice 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 to 5th League will consist of 6 players per team.
- 5. 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 amateur 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.

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6. FORMAT OF THE HANDICAP LEAGUE DIVISIONS:

1 st League	Max 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.

7. WINNER OF THE 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.

8. RULES OF THE COMPETITION: Play shall be strictly in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd.

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.

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.

9. LOCAL RULES: The Local Rules of the Host Club will be the Local Rules in force on the day of the match.

10. DRESS CODE: Teams are required to play in full uniform specifically matching shirts and pants/skirts/skort. Any player who does not comply with the dress code will not be permitted on the course, unless there are extenuating circumstances (eg - a late replacement/substitution).

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT BRANDING: Players and caddies must comply 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

Players who are incorrectly dressed will not be allowed to play. To avoid any embarrassment, please direct any queries on this matter to WPG in advance.

12. SELECTION:

a. All players selected must be within the Divisions HI parameters they are being selected for unless:

i. 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 (as per CI 12) or

ii. 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.

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- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. Players who have elected to only play Fourball and whose names have been submitted to WPG (Point 12b) are not eligible for selection to 1st to 3rd League teams.
- f. Players may be selected to play in any League Division team that they qualify for as per the above points.

After selection

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. 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.
- 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.

13. 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.

Exception (2026 season only):

- Durbanville – 3rd League Team
- Metropolitan – 5th League Team

May apply, in advance to WPG, for up to two (2) such players per fixture.

In the case of this is the same player being utilised for each fixture, the concession need only be applied for once at the start of the season.

Where different players are utilised across fixtures, a separate concession application must be submitted and approved prior to each fixture.

- 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 players 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.

- 14. **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:

- 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 CI 12).
- 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 CI 12).
- Concede the last match of the team where the player has withdrawn and must notify WPG & opponents as soon as possible.

15. CONCEDED MATCHES: Out of respect for the opposing team, every effort must be made to fill a full team complement.

- 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.
- 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 must, singly play against the opposing pairing.

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 field a team for a fixture as described above, they shall be withdrawn from the League and CI 32 shall apply.

16. 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.

17. 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.

- All league matches are allocated tee times.
- 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.
- Matches shall keep up with the match/field ahead of them.
- 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.

18. TEES: The **red course** (rated for Women) at each host venue shall be played.

19. ORDER OF PLAY: Clubs to tee off in order as per the fixture list.

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.

20. 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.

- 21. MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION:** 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.
- 22. 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.
Assistance in the form of advice, to any player can only be gained from the player's caddie or own playing partner.
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.
- 23. 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 are the same) is halved each team will be awarded 1 point.
- 24. 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.
- 25. TEAM CAPTAINS REponsibilities:** Each competing team shall have a captain whose responsibilities include:
- Being present at the match **at least** 20 minutes before starting time.
 - 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.
 - Ensuring that their players are ready to tee off in the correct order and on time (i.e., at their allocated tee times).
 - Completing, verifying, and submitting Team Result Sheet (in original excel format) to their League Administrator who in turn will submit to the WPG League Administrator.
- 26. SLOW PLAY:** Team Captains are responsible for their players' pace of play. Players must be made aware of:
- Prompt Pace of Play - Rule 5.6b
 - Playing Out of Turn to help Pace of Play in match play - Rule 5.6b (2).

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.

27. 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 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.

28. ABANDONED PLAY: In the event of play for the day being abandoned, the results of the match will be determined as follows:

- If any match has not completed nine holes, the match will be declared a half.
- 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.

29. 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,
- 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.

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. 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 women's League games and all scores are to be captured. Where

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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 use the HNA App by entering hole by hole scores until the match is concluded after which the round is closed. All match scores are to be captured before 24h00 on the day after the match was played as per the GolfRSA rules and explanations for South Africa. Effective January 2024. The Clubs are responsible for ensuring their players enter scores accurately and timeously after each league fixture.

All open rounds must be closed on the day prior to fixture/matches being played.

32. SNACKS & DRINKS: It is at the sole discretion of the club to provide snacks and drinks after the round.

33. WITHDRAWAL: Should a team withdraw for any reason, be suspended during a league season or unable to field a team as set out in CI 14, all their matches in their section shall be null and voided. In the event of a club withdrawing or being suspended during the league season, such club will be liable for a fine of R5000 (1st 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 WP Golf shall apply.

34. SPECTATORS: The use of golf carts by spectators is not permitted. Spectators include any person (family, friends, Club members) and any Club official who watches or follows play. It is the responsibility of the players to safeguard fair play for all by ensuring that spectators:

- stay in the rough a distance away from players
- keep off tees, fairways and greens at all times
- do not give advice
- do not interfere with 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.

35. 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 player's parent or guardian has given his/her consent to the above and for the club to have provided the player's personal information.

36. 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). Details of the SAIDS Anti-Doping Rules, and the current list Prohibited Substances and Methods, are available from the SAIDS website (www.drugfreesport.org.za). Players who are taking medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from GolfRSA. Random testing may take place. This will include alcohol consumption 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.

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- 37. 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.
- 38. 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, points deduction from the accumulated points total on the log or team disqualification
- 39. 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.
- 40. CHANGES:** The Executive Committee of WPG shall have the right to amend, alter, delete, or add to the above Rules at any time.
- 41. VERSION:** This version of the Women's Tuesday League Rules supersedes all previous versions and is effective from 28 October 2025.