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WOMEN'S INVITATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE (WIPL)
TERMS OF COMPETITION

By confirming entry for the 2026 WIPL, the Team Manager 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 WIPL run under the control of the Executive of Western Province Golf (WPG) that shall commence on 23 August 2026 and conclude on 29 November 2026.

2 **TROPHY:** The WIPL shall compete for the Bobbi Brown Invitational Trophy. The name of the winning team will be engraved on the Bobbi Brown Invitational Trophy.

3 **COMPOSITION OF THE LEAGUE:** For 2026 the WIPL shall consist of 4 teams. Each team shall play all other teams, at venues arranged by WPG. Each team shall play all other teams once. The top 2 teams shall play in the final. In the event of a tie, the classification shall be the team with the highest "games for" count.

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, a play-off match shall be played in the same format as per Clause 7 and 22.

4 **COMPOSITION OF THE TEAM:** Each team shall consist of 6 players.

5 **TEAM MANAGERS:** Each team will have an appointed team manager, who shall form part of the matches. A team manager is allowed to give advice to the team players, but he may not venture onto any putting green during the playing of any matches. A manager is considered an outside agency in terms of the rules of golf with regards to their team. Team Managers are permitted the use of motorized transport. No person, unless authorised by WPG, may drive with/share the managers' cart.

6 **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:** Players must be registered affiliated members with full golfing status of a WPG Affiliated Club and handicapped at that Club.

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 team during her period of suspension.

7 **FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION:** The format of the competition shall be 18 holes foursomes match play in the morning and 18 holes singles match play in the afternoon, played off scratch.

8 **WINNER OF THE LEAGUE:** The team that wins the Final. The two top teams on the log will be competing in the final. Should there be a tie for the 2nd placed team the team going through to the final will be decided as follows:

(i) The team with the highest "games for" count.

(ii) Should there still be a tie, the classification shall be the result of the “head-to-head” fixture of the teams.

(iii) If the “head-to-head” result was a “half”, the second placed team shall be determined by the holes count of the “head-to-head” match.

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

10 **LOCAL RULES:** Typed Host Club Local Rules (other than those on the scorecard) and WPG Permanent Local Rules ("Hard Card") will be handed out and are in force on the day of each match.

Penalty for Breach of **Clause 10**: General Penalty in Match Play – General penalty (loss of hole) unless otherwise stated.

11 **DRESS CODE:** Teams must play in uniform supplied by WPG. Players failing to adhere to the dress code shall not be allowed on the course.

12 **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.

13 **DATES & VENUES**: Dates of matches shall be arranged by WPG. Should any venue be deemed unsuitable for the playing of matches, WPG reserves the right to exclude or remove matches from such a venue.

14 **SUBMISSION OF TEAMS:** Managers shall submit their teams, on the prescribed form, via e-mail, to WPG by 12h00 on the Wednesday prior to the match. The names shall be submitted in playing order, playing pairs 3 to 1 for the Foursomes and 6 to 1 for the Singles. The name of the team manager must be submitted on the sheet.

15 **SUBSTITUTION OF PLAYERS:** If a player must be replaced after the draw for a fixture has been distributed, it must be a direct replacement, in the foursomes draw. In the singles draw, the substitute player becomes number 6 in the draw and all other players move up the submitted playing order.

16 **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 team 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 (Pairs 3 to 1 for Foursomes and 6 to 1 for Singles), and the matches that cannot be contested will then be conceded.

Teams must play with a minimum of 4 players or shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the league. (***Cl.31***).

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

17 **STARTING TIMES:** In accordance with ***Rule 5.3a*** of the Rules of Golf, players shall start at the times allocated by WPG, should the starting time be missed, penalty under the rules of golf shall apply.

18 **TEES:** Play shall be from the markers stipulated on the Additional Local Rules.

19 **CADDIES:** Players may use only professional caddies employed by the host Club, unless arranged otherwise with the host club. NO PARENTS shall be allowed to caddie for players.

20 **TRANSPORTATION:** During WIPL games, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of

motorised transportation. Exception: A player who shall play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance, is always authorised to ride on motorised transportation.

Penalty for breach of ***Clause 20***:

1. First offence: Disqualification of player for that fixture.
2. Second offence: Disqualification of the player for the remainder of the season.

21 PLAYER ADVICE: Assistance in the form advice to any player can only be gained from the player's own caddie or the team manager or playing partner and/or their caddie (during foursomes). Should a team be in breach of this condition, ***Rule 10.2*** of the rules of golf shall be applied, Match Play - General Penalty (loss of hole).

22 SCORING: The team winning the most games on the day shall 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. Points scoring for individual games shall be 1 point for a win, ½ a point for a half and 0 points for a loss. A team that wins a match outright shall be awarded 2 points. If the match is halved each team shall be awarded 1 point.

23 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.

24 SLOW PLAY: Team Captains and Managers 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.

The WPG Pace of Play Policy as per the WPG Hard Card is adopted and in force.

25 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) 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.

c) If the course becomes unplayable or the weather becomes dangerous, players may agree to discontinue play as per Rule 5.7a.

d) 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.26*** of these League Terms of Competition shall apply.

26 ABANDONED PLAY: In the event of play for the day being abandoned, the results of the match shall be determined as follows:

a) If any match has not completed nine holes, the match shall be declared a half.

b) 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.

27 SUBMISSION OF RESULTS: The results shall be recorded on the League Results Sheet by the WPG Official on duty. Team managers are responsible for notifying the official/s of their team's results immediately after the conclusion of their last game.

The results of matches are final once they have been declared to the WPG Official on duty,

unless a request for a ruling has been made as set out in ***Cl.35***.

28 SCORECARDS & HANDICAPPING: No scorecards are to be submitted and no scores may be entered for handicapping purposes.

29 PLAYING FEES: There are no playing fees.

30 SNACKS & DRINKS: Snacks, drinks and meals shall be for the individual player's account.

31 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.

31 SPECTATORS: Spectators include any person who watches or follows play, other than the appointed Team Manager.

All spectators shall comply with any applicable host Club rules and all reasonable directions issued by a Rules Official, a WP Golf Official or the host Club.

Each Club and Team Manager shall be responsible for ensuring that spectators associated with their Club conduct themselves appropriately and comply with these Terms of Competition.

Spectators must remain off tees, fairways and greens at all times, must not interfere with play, give advice or otherwise influence the outcome of a match, and must comply with any restrictions relating to the use of golf carts.

Failure to comply with these conditions shall result in the spectator being required to leave the golf course, the withdrawal of permission to use a golf cart, and/or disciplinary action against the Club

Players who have completed their match are deemed to be spectators and shall not operate or travel in a golf cart until, the conclusion of all Matches. Unless expressly authorised by WP Golf for medical reasons.

Should the Team Manager fail to take reasonable steps to ensure compliance, or where repeated or serious breaches occur, the Committee may impose sanctions, including the deduction of league points.

Repeated or serious breaches may result in additional sanctions as determined by the WP Golf Tournament and League Rulings Committee.

32 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.

33 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).

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

Team Manager 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 Manager on completion of their match, following which:

a) The League Result Sheet when submitted as per ***Cl.27*** 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 (***Rule20.1a*** 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 WIPL Terms of Competition, a claim must be lodged with WPG:

When the League Result Sheet is submitted as per ***Cl.27*** 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.

The Committee will make a ruling on the dispute based on the written report received and any additional information they gather.

35 PENALTIES FOR BREACH OF LEAGUE TERMS OF THE COMPETITION: Any 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.

36 CHANGES: WPG shall have the right to amend, alter, delete, or add to the above League Terms of Competition at any time.

37 VERSION: This version of the League Terms of Competition supersedes all previous versions and is effective from 21 August 2026.