

# COUNTY INTER CLUB MATCH PLAY COMPETITIONS PROCEDURAL GUIDE 2024

This document is intended to be used as an explanatory guide alongside the Playing Regulations set for all the County Leagues. It does not replace the Regulations but seeks to provide additional information in support of them

**A Copy of the match fixtures should be sent to the relevant League Secretary by 1<sup>st</sup> March using the dates form on the website.**

## **Rule 1: R & A Rules**

Players should be aware of the new rules of golf (effective January 2023) particularly rules 3.2 match play and rule 5 playing the round.

## **Rule: 2 Results**

Please send in results immediately after matches so the website can be kept up to date.

## **Rule 3: Payment of Match Fees**

It would be helpful if your club is able to send in their entry fees in the usual manner. One cheque please to cover all entries made payable to C.L.C.G.A. or by BACS to Sort Code: 40-26-02, Account No. 11230174 by the date requested by the County Treasurer (2 weeks after the date of the Council Meeting). Team entry requests will go out to Club ladies secretaries.

## **Rule 4: Two or three teams entered in County League**

**Scratch:** There are no handicap restrictions on who can play in the Scratch League but all matches must be played off scratch.

**Silver Handicap:** You must name all players with **handicap index** up to 12.4 who intend to play in the A team up to a maximum of five. If three teams are entered you must also name all players with **handicap index** up to 12.4 who intend to play for the B team up to a maximum of five. These players cannot play in the lower teams. That is A team players cannot play in the B or C teams. B team players can play in the A team but not the C team.

## **Rule 5: Playing in more than one team**

**Silver Handicap & Cecil Leitch ONLY:** If a player has played twice in each of the Silver Handicap A, B and /or C teams / Cecil Leitch A, B and /or C teams any subsequent matches shall be played for one team only. This does not apply to the crossover between the Silver Handicap & Cecil Leitch leagues.

## **Rule 6: Playing Handicaps**

**Scratch:** Divisions will play off scratch. **Silver Handicap & Cecil Leitch:** Divisions will play off full course handicap.

## **Rule 7: Time and day of match**

When arranging matches please note that there is no restriction on the time/day of matches, provided both Captains agree and the course is available. It is accepted that a number of ladies work during the day but can play later or at weekends; therefore arrangements that are more flexible could alleviate some of the difficulties in fielding a full team and would provide more opportunities for working ladies and students to participate.

Fixtures and starting times must be adhered to (rule 5.3a) unless there are extreme circumstances, which prevent or delay the agreed time/date of the match eg: Major traffic hold up on the day affecting team travel.

Failure to field a team is NOT a reason for re-arranging the match.

## **Rule 8: Match fixtures**

Match fixtures must be confirmed in writing and any subsequent change in the date or time must be notified in writing. It is the responsibility of both Captains to ensure that contact is made 7-10 days prior to the match to confirm the arrangements.

## **Rule 9: Suspension of Play & Adverse Weather Conditions**

The decision for closure of the course rests with the Professional / Green keeper / Team Captains.

However it is possible that although the course is closed on the morning of the match the weather conditions could alter and the course be opened later in the day.

During thunder and lightning play will be suspended, balls marked and players will leave the course as quickly as possible. Resumption of play subject to weather conditions and the course availability.

In these circumstances, consideration must be given to the distance a team has to travel.

In the event of deterioration of playing conditions when a match has started e.g. Greens starting to flood, advice should be given to the leading pair on the action they should take, the following pairs will then have a lead. Players are reminded of rule 5.7 the rules of golf and that a decision to suspend the match must be made at the time by the two team Captains.

After suspension and improvement of weather conditions, movement of the hole positions, squeegee greens etc. may make the course playable. If play cannot be resumed the match must be declared null and void and the match should be re-arranged within the playing calendar (1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> August).

Players must not make individual decisions on their match under any circumstances.

## **Rule 11: Use of temporary greens**

WHS allows for two temporary greens to be used in competition provided that the holes are of standard size, i.e. not bucket holes.

It is important to remember that whatever the course set up at the beginning of the match this must stay to the completion of all the games.