

CUMBRIA LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION INTER CLUB MATCH PLAY

LEAGUE PLAYING REGULATIONS 2024

1. The competition shall be played following the full R & A Rules of Golf using the Players edition of the Rules of Golf (effective January 2023) and the WHS unified handicapping system.
2. Each team shall consist of five players with current handicap indexes on the day of the match.
3. All team members including juniors must be members of the County Association and may represent only one club during the season.
4. All matches to be played over 18 holes on a home and away basis between 1st March and 31st August. The results sent to the appropriate League Secretary immediately after each match.
5. Clubs wishing to compete must send their entries and entry fees for the following year to the County Treasurer by the designated date (Please see procedural Guide). The entry fee will be reviewed annually.
6. Following the World Handicap guidelines, the player's **handicap index** will be used for team selection purposes.
7. **Scratch League:** Open to all players but they must play off scratch. Teams play in **handicap index** order but handicaps must not be entered on the result sheet until the match is completed. At the end of the season, there will be no relegation from or promotion to the scratch league from the handicap leagues.
8. **Silver Handicap:** All players must have a playing **handicap index** up to 20.4. (This does not exclude players with a higher handicap index BUT they must play off 20.4 handicap index). If a club enters more than one team, players up to handicap index 12.4 must be named in the A team. If more teams are entered, players up to handicap index 12.4 must be named in the subsequent teams. These named players must not play in lower teams.
The names of these players must be sent in writing to the Silver Handicap League Secretary before the 1st March using the "Dates and Named Players" form obtainable from the County website under the heading 'Leagues'.
If a player not named has played twice in each of the teams any subsequent matches shall be played for one team only.
9. **Cecil Leitch:** Players will be **handicap index** 20.5 – 45.0 (This does not exclude players with a higher handicap index BUT they must play off 45.0 handicap index). If a club enters more than one team, and a player has played twice in each of the teams, any subsequent matches shall be played for one team only.
10. **Silver Handicap/Cecil Leitch Only** – Clubs will be in Divisions. All divisions will play off a **rounded course handicap** with full handicap allowance in line with the rules of WHS handicapping, Appendix C – matchplay (handicap allowances). On arrival at the venue for the match, each player must adjust their **handicap index** from the 'slope rating' chart to obtain their **rounded course handicap** for the match.
At the end of the season, the winner and runner-up of each division will be promoted into the higher division and the bottom two teams of each division will be relegated into the lower division. Clubs entering a new team will be put into the bottom league.
11. Dates and venues for the matches are to be arranged as soon as possible after the AGM of the association and should be adhered to. If a club cannot raise a team because of players being needed for County team duties, the match may be rearranged subject to permission from the appropriate League Secretary.
12. Teams shall be listed in **handicap index** order and the list exchanged by the Captains prior to the match. The game order may then be altered with the agreement of both Captains. If a team plays out of **handicap index** order the affected game or games will be conceded to the opposing team. Once the Captains have exchanged team sheets, a reserve player may not be introduced.

13. Clubs unable to field five players may concede up to two games. If a club is unable to field a minimum of three players, the match will be conceded to the opposing team.
14. All games in the matches shall be played over 18 holes. The winning team receives 2 points. If the match is halved the teams receive 1 point each. When all matches have been played the division placings are decided as follows, the winner is the team with the highest number of points. In case of a tie then the individual game results are counted 2 points for a win and 1 point for a draw. If there is still a tie then the following table is used for each individual game in a match.

HOME		AWAY	
Win	7 points	Win	8 points
Half	5 points	Half	6 points
Conceded	3 points	Conceded	3 points

15. A Trophy will be awarded annually to each division winner to be held for one year and will be presented by the President and / or County Captain.
16. A Trophy will be awarded annually and held for one year by the player who contributes most towards her club success in winning the division trophy. The League Secretary using the following table will assess qualification.

HOME		AWAY	
Win	7 points	Win	8 points
Half	5 points	Half	6 points
Loss	3 points	Loss	4 points
Conceded	3 points	Conceded	3 points

17. The results will be published on the CLCGA web page. www.cumbria-lcga.co.uk
18. In extreme weather conditions the Team Captains, Green keeper/Professional will consult as to whether the course is open or closed on the day. (Please refer to procedural Guide).
19. Any disputes should be referred to the appropriate League Secretary within 7 days, the opposing Captain having been informed of the content. The County Captain, County Vice-Captain, and the League Secretary shall give a verdict.
20. Any Club breaking the rules of the League will be penalised 2 games, which will be awarded to the opposing team. More than two infringements of the rules of the competition in any one season will result in that team being disqualified and all their results disregarded.
21. The Executive committee of the Association must be notified of any changes made to the playing regulations.
22. A ride-on motorised buggy can only be used by competitors, if permission has been sought from the appropriate League Secretary. This must be sought within seven days of the day of the match. A valid medical certificate will only be necessary if the League Secretary requests it. The host club must also agree to the use of the buggy. The buggy can only be used to transport the player, her golf equipment, and her caddie. If a player uses her own buggy on an away course, she must provide a valid insurance certificate and adhere to the same conditions stated by the host club.
23. Distance measuring devices are permitted in these competitions. The use of any additional functions on a device (eg: wind speed, elevation change) are not allowed.
24. If caddies are to be used, the opposing team must be informed seven days prior to the match, and they are requested not to go on the greens.