

**CUMBRIA LADIES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION
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RULES AND REGULATIONS

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.
 - a. **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.
 - b. All team members including juniors must be members of the County Association and may represent only one club during the season.
 - c. **Payment of Match Fees:** It would be helpful if your club is able to send in their entry fees by using 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.

2. All matches to be played over 18 holes on a home and away basis between 1st April and 31st August. The results sent to the appropriate League Secretary immediately after each match *by the home team* Captain.

3. **Dates** for the matches are to be arranged as soon as possible after the AGM of the association and should be adhered to. The match dates must be sent in writing to the appropriate League Secretary before the 1st March using the “*Match Dates* Form” form obtainable from the County website under the heading ‘Leagues’. 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.
 - a. **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 unless there are extreme circumstances, which prevent or delay the agreed time/date of the match. **Major traffic hold up** on the day may affect the start time of a match.
 - b. **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.

4. Following the World Handicap guidelines, the player's **handicap index** will be used for team selection purposes. Each team shall consist of five players with current handicap indexes on the day of the match.

5. **Two or three teams entered in County League handicaps and restrictions**

- a) **Scratch:** There are no handicap restrictions on who can play in the Scratch League but all matches must be played 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. *If a club enters more than one team, and a player has played twice in ANY of the teams, any subsequent matches shall be played for one team only.*
- b) **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, and a player has played twice in ANY of the teams, any subsequent matches shall be played for one team only.*
- c) **Cecil Leitch:** Players with a **handicap index** of 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 ANY of the teams, any subsequent matches shall be played for one team only.

6. **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 – match play (handicap allowances). On arrival at the venue for the match, each *Team Captain* must adjust their players **handicap index** from the 'slope rating' chart to obtain their **rounded course handicap** for the match.

- a. **Playing in more than one team Scratch, Silver Handicap & Cecil Leitch:** If a player has played twice in each of the *Scratch*, 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.
- b. **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.

7. **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 game.

8. **Handicaps:** 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.
 - 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.
 - In the event of a team unable to field 5 players, the missing players must **be No.5 and No.4 (in that order)**. The team with all 5 players **MUST** name the players who would have been eligible to play in order to claim the game points.
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 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 (1st April – 31st August). Players must not make individual decisions on their match under any circumstances.
10. **Ride-on motorised buggy:** Buggies can only be used by competitors, if permission has been sought from the appropriate League Secretary. This must be sought prior to 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.
 - The **Penalty** for breaking these rules will be a loss of 2 games (**to the offending team**) which will then be awarded to the opposing team.
11. 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.

12. **RESULTS** - 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 |

13. 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.

14. 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 |

15. The results will be published on the CLCGA web page. www.cumbria-lcga.co.uk.

16. **Rules:** Any Club breaking the rules of the League will **be penalised 2 games**, which will be awarded to the opposing team.

- Games are the team results
- Game points are the individual players result at the end of a match

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.

17. The Executive committee of the Association must be notified of any changes made to the playing regulations.