

## THE PLYMOUTH AREA LEAGUE RULES

(2019)

- 1 *The competition will take place for the Plymouth Area Golf League Trophy. The trophy will be contested by the winner's of the Cornwall and Devon leagues.*
- 2 In the absence of a sponsor to organise the event, one club from each league will organise the League for one season in alphabetical order. In these years, the inter-league final will be organised in rotation between Cornwall and Devon.
- 3 Fixtures will be played on a "County League" home and away basis, the winners of each league will play off for the Plymouth Area League Trophy. In the event of 2 teams finishing with the same number of points, then a play-off between the teams will take place as soon as possible at a mutually convenient date on a neutral course.
- 4 Each club will provide one team of 10 Gentlemen players with Competition handicaps up to maximum of 24, but no more than 5 players may have a handicap of 5 or less. Players may only represent their own club, ie the home club which holds their handicap.
- 5 If a club fails to turn up for a fixture the absent team will incur a 3 point deduction, but the match must still be played on a rearranged date. Should this happen twice then the club may be excluded from the following year's competition. In the event of a player being late and the match is already on the course then Rule 30-3 in "The Rules of Golf" will be used.
- 6 The matches will be 4 ball better ball, and will be played in descending order of aggregate handicaps. The pair's difference is limited to a maximum of 7, and all handicaps are to be shown on the result sheets. If there is a delay on the arrival of the first pair, team pairs do not have to start in strict handicap order and the next pair can commence their match.
- 7 Where a side plays more than the permitted number of Category 1 players, the individual match(es) involving the additional Category 1 players shall be forfeited. Where a side field a pair with a difference in handicap greater than 7, the higher handicapped player in such a pairing will play from a handicap no more than 7 higher than his partner.
- 8 It is the player's responsibility to ensure that he is playing off the correct handicap, including any alteration made from his last qualifying competition (which may well have been played in the same week as the League match). It is the Captain's responsibility to check his teams' handicaps with each individual player before producing the team list.
- 9 Points will be awarded for each complete fixture as follows: 1 point for each individual game won, or ½ point for a game halved, plus 1 bonus point to the winning team, and a ½ point each for a halved match.

- 10 League fixtures are to be arranged between participating clubs on mutually convenient dates, and are to be completed by the end of August. Match dates to be set on a Friday evening; however these can be rearranged by agreement between both clubs on a date prior to the match date in the fixture list. If agreement cannot be reached between the clubs then the set Friday date will stand.
- 11 Matches outstanding will be forfeited to enable the final to be played in good time. The final will be played on a neutral course.
- 12 All teams are encouraged to turn out in their club colours for all matches.
- 13 In the event of approaching darkness during a match, or abandonment due to the weather, play can be stopped and started again from the hole at which each match finished. This is to be with the same partnerships, on an agreed day and time with the captains. (If any pairings have completed their match the result will stand). The rearranged match is to take place within 4 weeks, or by the end of August whichever is the earlier. If, as is likely, it is not possible to return on a future date with the same pairings, the unfinished matches will be declared null and void, and replayed in full at a date agreed between the clubs. (Any players who completed their matches would be ineligible to play in the rearranged fixture). If the clubs cannot agree on the way forward, the entire match is to be declared null and void and replayed within 4 weeks or by the end of August, whichever is the earliest.
- 14 No buggies are to be used by any team members during the fixture unless the player has a certified disability, or as previously agreed by both Captains, subject to local club rules.
- 15 Only the nominated Captain of the day can give advice to players during the fixture.
- 16 Caddies are permitted but may only advise the players in their game.
- 17 All fixture results must be sent to the nominated organiser within 3 days of the match, by the home team Captains. This will enable league tables to be produced regularly throughout the season.
- 18 The use of GPS/Laser equipment is allowed in accordance with the R&A/EGU rules.
- 19 The final will take place as soon as possible on completion of both leagues, and with the agreement of the participants, on a Saturday or Sunday at a neutral venue. In the final each match must be played to a conclusion.
- 20 In the event of any dispute, a disputes committee consisting of minimum three nominated representatives, one from each club in the respective league will consider the issue.
- 21 The “alternative Stroke and Distance” rule introduced in 2019 will not be used in Plymouth area League matches even if the home club has introduced this for social golf.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

- 1 Clubs are encouraged to provide a light snack for the visiting team with a maximum cost of £7.
- 2 All Captains to text/telephone/email their results to:  
  
John Spry – 07885 882399 or [jspry@plymouthgolfcentre.co.uk](mailto:jspry@plymouthgolfcentre.co.uk)  
Nigel Hurst – 07443 339749 or [secretary@looegolfclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@looegolfclub.co.uk)  
  
by Sunday evening at the latest please.
- 3 There will be a page for the Plymouth Area League on the Plymouth Golf Centre website (<http://www.plymouthgolfcentre.co.uk/plymouth-area-league/>) which will show details of the competition and updated results throughout the season.
- 4 There will be a space for newsworthy items eg a hole in one etc, please advise John Spry as above. This facility will, of course, be available for both the Devon and Cornwall teams.