

## WEST DEVON GOLF LEAGUE - RULES

1. The league is designed to provide low handicap players the opportunity to compete on a level playing field, with success going to the player(s) that achieve the lowest **gross** scores.
2. The league will comprise 2 divisions of 4 clubs known as Divisions A & B.
3. Matches will consist of 3 games, over 18 holes, in a Better Ball **matchplay** format, played off scratch. One point will be awarded for a win and ½ point for a halved game, giving 3 points to be played for in each match. All games to be played in accordance with the current Rules of Golf.
4. A team will consist of 3 pairs, regardless of gender. Players should be paid up members of affiliated clubs, and registered with England Golf. Clubs may enter more than one team in the league; players may only represent one team.
5. Teams will play in handicap order with the lowest handicap pair going first. In the event of equal total handicaps in a team, the Captain will decide which pair plays first.
6. **If a lady is playing she will play from the red tees (or tee rated for Ladies by England Golf). In accordance with the WHS Rules of Handicapping for mixed tee matches, players playing from a set of tees with a higher CR will add additional strokes to their PH equal to the difference between the CRs. (Depending on the respective CRs this could be either Men or Ladies, but normally the latter.) The shot(s) will be allocated on holes with the lowest SIs for the course with the higher CR. So a 2-shot difference in CR will mean that the player will deduct one shot from his/her gross score on holes with SI of 1 and 2.**
7. If a junior (under 18 on 1 January of the competition year) is selected, it is the responsibility of the team captain to ensure Duty of Care is observed.
8. Buggies will not be used in matches unless there are accepted valid medical reasons, supported by a medical certificate; only that player may benefit from the use of the buggy.
9. Matches will be arranged between each club, **home and away**, endeavouring to follow the established programme in place, but mindful of relevant outside fixtures and Public Holidays. Matches will be played between 1 April and 31 December, including any rearranged matches.
10. Fixtures will normally be played on Saturdays or Sundays. Midweek matches can be played, if agreed.
11. If a match cannot be completed on the day it started, it will be replayed.
13. Catering arrangements will be decided by the home club after discussion with the visiting club; there is no expectation of meals being provided. The home club will inform the visiting club of the format and cost in advance, if applicable. Visiting clubs must confirm all match details with the home club a minimum of 48 hours prior to the match.

14. The home captains will inform the League Secretary of the match result as soon as is convenient, and by midday the following Monday at the latest. Results can be sent via WhatsApp, email or telephone. The Secretary will update the position of all Leagues and will send the latest results via email to the League Captains, copied to their Club Secretaries/Managers for information.
15. Any issues or concerns should be notified to the Secretary immediately.
16. At the end of each season the leagues will be re-drawn, to provide maximum variety of competition in successive seasons.
17. Member clubs are: Bigbury, Boringdon Park, Staddon Heights, Stover, Tavistock, Thurlestone, Wrangaton and Yelverton.
18. Any new club wishing to join the League should apply in writing to the League Secretary; all team captains will then be asked to approve their acceptance.
19. Any affiliated club wishing to resign from the League shall do so in writing prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> January.
20. No member club can be voted out of the League other than in the exceptional circumstances of persistent failure to complete their fixtures, or from wilful misconduct from any player(s), leading to official complaints by opposing clubs. Under such unlikely circumstances it will require a unanimous vote of exclusion from the remaining clubs.
21. Changes to these Rules shall be agreed by a minimum of two thirds majority; each club having one vote. In the event of a tie the League Secretary shall have the casting vote.

Version 2 - 21 April 2023