



WOMEN'S GOLF

SILVER AND BRONZE MATCH PLAY LEAGUE RULES 2023

1. ENTERING TEAMS

1. Open to all affiliated club members of the Southern Cape Golf Union (SCGU) whose club's affiliation fees have been paid in full for the applicable calendar year.
2. The SCGU shall provide all Clubs with League Fixtures as soon as is practicable after confirmation of participation from the clubs.
3. Dates will be arranged in order not to clash with other SCGU fixtures, outside of school holidays and avoiding public holiday weekends as far as possible.
4. If a Club withdraws from the League, the Club in question may face sanction and penalties from the SCGU if in the opinion of the Executive such withdrawal adversely affects the proper function of the League. This sanction may result in a Club being barred from entering a team for subsequent League seasons.

2. MATCH FEES

1. 18 Hole golf courses exclusive of a golf cart, inclusive of a light lunch. – **R190 p/p.**
2. For golf courses without enough golf carts, only players in possession of a medical certificate will be allowed the use of a golf cart on a first come first-served basis. The League Captains must arrange permission thereof with the SCGU. The granting of such will remain at the discretion of the SCGU.
3. 18 Hole golf course's inclusive of a golf cart and light lunch. – **R290 p/p.**

3. PARTICIPATING CLUBS

1. **Silver League Four-Ball Match Play:**
Fancourt, George, Knysna, Mossel Bay, Pinnacle, Plettenberg Bay, Oubaai (7)
2. **Bronze League Four-Ball Match Play:**
Fancourt, George, Knysna, Mossel Bay, Pinnacle, Plettenberg Bay,
Knysna2, Goose Valley (8)
3. Teams will play against 1 team only (one on one)

4. STRUCTURE OF THE LEAGUE

1. Only members in good standing at a Club affiliated to the SCGU will be considered for selection.
2. In the event that a player is a member of more than one Club in the SCGU she may play for the Club of her choice. She is however limited to playing for only one Club during a season. A player does not necessarily have to be handicapped at the Club for which she plays League.
3. Silver League: 6 (six) players per team.
4. Bronze League: 6 (six) players per team.
5. The Silver and Bronze League will be played starting April - October.
6. Both Silver and Bronze will play Four-Ball Match Play over 18 holes.

7. Players and opponents should confirm, prior to the start of the match, that if a match has reached its conclusion before the 18th hole, the said players either return to the clubhouse or continue to complete 18 holes.

5. HANDICAPS

1. Every player must hold a current official, verifiable golf handicap index. (HNA)
2. Silver League: Handicap Index 18.0 and under
3. Bronze League: Handicap Index 14.0 – 28.0
4. A maximum of 14 shots to be given to an opponent.

6. RULES OF PLAY

1. Matches shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf (2023) **with special reference to Rule 23**. It is advisable that players should be in possession of a Rule Book in order to resolve any Rules related issues. With the format being match play, players should be able to resolve matters amongst themselves.
2. The host Club's Local Rules will apply to the matches. SCG will add any additional Rules if necessary. These Rules will be available from the Clubs' starters.
3. The use of Distance Measuring Devices (D.M.D's) will be permitted. If, however during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 4-3a (1). Penalty for breach: First offence: Loss of hole, Second offence: Loss of match.
4. In the event of a walkover only half the games count will be awarded, i.e., 6-0 games points will then count as 3 point of games log and, on the overall log the Team that received the forfeit would get 1 points game on the overall log.
5. In the unlikely event of a team withdrawing during the season, all matches played against that club will be declared null and void.
6. When selecting a team, only players who fall in the silver or bronze handicap index parameters can be selected.
7. If a players' handicap falls within both divisions, selection to the silver team cannot be made in favour of a higher handicapped player who also falls in both divisions i.e., selection of a 15.0 handicap index player to the silver team takes precedence over selection of an 18.0 handicap player to the silver team on a league day when both the bronze and silver teams are playing.
8. The fielding of a silver team takes precedence over that of a bronze team.
9. No player may play in more than one division scheduled for a specific month.
10. Should a club fail to field a full team of 6 (silver) or 6 (bronze) players for any reason whatsoever, the match should continue with the available players, and the points for the games not played will be given to the opposing team.

7. SILVER AND BRONZE FOUR-BALL MATCH PLAY / MATCH PLAY LEAGUE TEAM COMPETITION AND SELECTION OF PLAYERS

Definition:

1. **Four-Ball Match Play (Bronze Div)** – Two partners compete together as a side, with each player playing their own ball, and a side's score for a hole is a lower score of the two partners on that hole. (Rule 23.1)
2. **WHS Rules of Handicapping will be applicable to the 2023 league season, and players will play off 90% of their handicap (Appendix C).**
3. All handicaps will be verified on the Friday prior to the game. The player with the lowest Playing Handicap shall play off scratch and her Playing Handicap shall be deducted from each of the remaining three players' Playing Handicaps to determine the handicap they are playing off.

4. Team members playing in the same four-ball may ask for or give advice to their fellow team member. Players from the same team in a different fourball may not give advice outside of their fourball.

8. GOLF CARTS

1. Silver and Bronze league players are permitted to use golf carts. If applicable, reciprocity of golf carts to be arranged between clubs by the League Captains. Subject to point 2.

9. ARRANGING MATCHES

- a) The league venues and starting times will be booked by SCGU as per the 2023 League Fixture List.
- b) The League Captains are to forward, via email, the names of the players on the Team Names Form for the league on the Thursday by 12h00 prior to the Monday's league matches to karl@scgu.co.za. If changes to the team takes place due to unforeseen circumstances the form must be amended by the League Captain of that team on the day of play.
- c) Order of play – Four-Ball Match Play. The combined playing handicap will determine the order of play with the lowest teeing off first and the highest last. SCGU will have the right to amend such order if submitted incorrectly and SCGU will further monitor the handicap indexes and correct where necessary.
- d) Handicap Index will be verified by the SCGU on the Friday prior to the Monday's League match, the Handicap Index will be converted to the Course Handicap (Silver Div) and Playing Handicap (Bronze Div) for the Monday and that handicap shall apply for the Monday game. The pairings will be ranked accordingly.
- e) The official league draw will be emailed to all the Lady Captains and League Captains by the Friday afternoon prior to that week's league match.
- f) All matches are to be played on the dates as laid down in the 2023 League Fixture List.
- g) All matches to be played off the **red course**.
- h) Signed result sheets shall be emailed to karl@scgu.co.za by the home League Captain on the day of play.

10. MATCHES NOT PLAYED AS SCHEDULED:

1. Matches not played due to the course being closed for play by management of the Club or due to adverse weather conditions:
 - a) Matches may be rescheduled in extreme cases only provided both captains are in agreement and provided that the match is played before the next scheduled league fixtures. If the match is not played within the above time limit both teams will forfeit their match points. (Weather forecast of possible 30% of rain is not reason enough to reschedule a match).
 - b) **Karl Voppichler of SCGU shall be advised by e-mail or SMS of any postponed league matches before the scheduled Monday fixture date and they both shall be advised within a week of the new fixture date.**
2. Any dispute in this regard shall be referred to the SCGU Executive Committee who will make a final decision.

11. POINTS AND SCORING BETTER BALL MATCH PLAY

1. Scoring for the Better ball Match Play games shall be scored as follows:
This applies to individual and overall results.
Win = 2 game point
Halved game = 1 a game point
Lost game = 0 game points.
2. In the event of a tie at the conclusion of the season, the games won will be taken into account.

3. At the end of a match each League Captain is required to complete the official result sheet.
4. Signed result sheets shall be emailed to **karl@scgu.co.za** by the home League Captain on the day of play.

12. DRESS CODE

1. As far as possible Teams should be identifiable by wearing similar team attire.
2. The following will be allowed.
 - a. Soft spikes
 - b. Golf specific shorts
 - c. Only recognised golf attire will be allowed.

13. GENERAL

1. Food and beverage: To be arranged by the League Captain of the hosting club.
2. A request is made to all players to please respect the courtesy granted by the host Clubs by undertaking to repair all divots and pitch marks, and not to litter the golf course and surrounds.
3. The Southern Cape Golf Union further reserves the right to add additional League Rules if required.