



WOMEN'S GOLF

SILVER AND BRONZE MATCH PLAY LEAGUE RULES 2017

1. ELIGIBILITY

Open to all affiliated club members of the Southern Cape Golf Union (SCGU) whose clubs affiliation fees have been paid in full for the applicable calendar year.

2. PARTICIPATING CLUBS

- 2.1 Silver League Singles Match Play: Fancourt, George, Knysna, Mossel Bay, Oubaai, Plettenberg Bay
- 2.2 Bronze League Singles Match Play: George, Knysna, Mossel Bay, Plettenberg Bay

3. STRUCTURE OF THE SINGLES MATCH PLAY LEAGUE

- 3.1 A player may only represent one SCGU affiliated club during the Singles Match Play scheduled period of play.
- 3.2 Silver League: 6 (six) players per team.
- 3.3 Bronze League: 6 (six) players per team.
- 3.4 The Silver Singles Match Play League will be played in two rounds. Round 1, January to May, Round 2, June to October.
- 3.5 The Bronze Singles Match Play League will be played in two rounds. Round 1, February to April, Round 2, August to October.
- 3.6 The Singles Match Play League will be played over 18 holes.
- 3.7 Matches to start on the 1st Tee or 10th Tee.

4. HANDICAPS

- 4.1 Every player must hold a current official, verifiable golf handicap. (HNA)
- 4.2 Silver League: 22 and under.
- 4.3 Silver League only: A maximum of 14 shots to be given to an opponent.
- 4.4 Bronze League: 19 – 32.

5. RULES OF PLAY

- 5.1 Matches shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as laid down by the R&A. 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.
- 5.2 The host Club's Local Rules will apply to the matches. The SCGU Women's Golf will add any additional Rules if necessary. These Rules will be available from the Clubs' starters.
- 5.3 The use of Distance Measuring Devices (D.M.D's) will be permitted. Players are reminded that Devices that also measure conditions other than distance only would constitute a breach of Rule 14-3 and not permitted, whether used or not.

- 5.4 Team members playing in the same four-ball (during singles) may not ask for or give advice to their fellow Team members.
- 5.5 In the unlikely event of a team withdrawing during the season, all matches played against that club will be declared null and void.

6. SINGLES MATCH PLAY SELECTION OF PLAYERS

- 6.1 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 19 handicap player to the Silver team takes precedence over selection of a 22 handicap player to the Silver team on a league day when both the Bronze and Silver teams are playing.
- 6.2 The fielding of a Silver team takes precedence over that of a Bronze team.
- 6.3 No player may play in more than one division scheduled for a specific month.
- 6.4 Should a club fail to field a full team of 6 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. SINGLES MATCH PLAY ORDER OF PLAY

- 7.1 Order of play must be based on current handicap.
- 7.2 The order of play for both divisions should be 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.
- 7.3 The League Captain may choose to move one player to a maximum of 3 places in the order of play. The other players in the team must remain in the same order. As an example, we have players 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. If player 2 is moved ahead then the order will be 2, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6. If player 2 is moved to 4th position, the order will be 1, 3, 4, 2, 5, 6.
- 7.4 When playing in 4 balls, numbers 2, 4 and 6 tee off first on the front nine, and 1, 3 and 5 tee off first on the back nine.
- 7.5 Visitors to have the honour.
- 7.6 If the Silver and Bronze League teams play at one venue, the Silver League teams tee-off first as per 7.2.

8. GOLF CARTS

- 8.1 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.

9. ARRANGING MATCHES

- 9.1 The SCGU Women's Golf League Manager shall book the league venues and arrange the starting times of the league fixtures as per the 2017 League Fixture List.
- 9.2 The League Captains shall forward by email the players' names on the Team Names Form for the league on the Thursday by 12h00 prior to the Monday's league matches to the Women's Golf League Manager. If changes to the team happen due to unforeseen circumstances it shall be amended by the affected League Captain on the league day.
- 9.3 The League Captains shall ensure that the order of play is in line with the provisions of paragraphs 9.2 and 9.3 on the Team Names Form.
- 9.4 The official league draw will be emailed to all of the Lady and League Captains by the Friday afternoon prior to that week's league match.
- 9.5 All matches are to be played on the dates as laid down in the 2017 League Fixture List.

- 9.6 Matches not played as scheduled:** Matches not played due to the course being closed for play by management of the Club or due to adverse weather conditions:
- 9.6.1 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).
 - 9.6.2 **The President, SCGU Women's Golf and the Women's Golf League Manager 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.**
 - 9.6.3 Any dispute in this regard shall be referred to the SCGU Women's Golf who will make a final decision.

10. POINTS AND SCORING SINGLES MATCH PLAY

- 10.1 Scoring for the singles games shall be scored as follows:
 - Win = 1 game point
 - Halved game = ½ a game point
 - Lost game = 0 game points.
- 10.2 Scoring for the match shall be scored as follows:
 - 4 points for an away win
 - 3 points for a home win
 - 2 points for an away draw
 - 1 point for a home draw
- 10.3 In the event of a tie at the conclusion of the season, the games won will be taken into account.
- 10.4 At the end of a match each League Captain is required to complete the official result sheet.
- 10.5 Signed result sheets shall be emailed to the SCGU Women's Golf League Manager by the home League Captain on the day of play.

11. DRESS CODE

- 11.1 The following will be allowed:
 - Soft spikes.
 - Only recognised golf attire will be allowed.
- 11.2 Team colours for 2017 by participating clubs:
 - Fancourt – White tops and black pants.
 - George – Turquoise/white tops and white/black pants.
 - Knysna – Light purple tops and white pants.
 - Mossel Bay – Dark blue tops and black pants.
 - Oubaai – Black tops and white pants. *****
 - Plettenberg Bay - Red tops and white/navy pants.

12. RULE OF EXCEPTION SILVER DIVISION

Oubaai and Kingswood is a combined team and only players from these two clubs will be eligible for team selection.

13. GENERAL

- 13.1 Food and beverage: To be arranged by the League Captain of the hosting club.
- 13.2 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.
- 13.3 The SCGU Women's Golf further reserves the right to add additional League Rules if required.