



# COUNTY GOLF LEAGUE

## INTER-CLUB TEAM TOURNAMENT RULES 2020

### 1. Rules

- A The Tournament shall be played between clubs affiliated to the Gwent Golf Union.
- B The club teams shall be divided into Divisions and shall play home and away matches against all other Clubs in the same Division. For clubs with more than 1 team they shall be identified in numerical order based on each team's position in the leagues at the start of the season.
- C The allocation of Club Teams to Divisions shall be decided by the Council. At the end of the Tournament two teams shall be promoted and relegated in each Division except that if the last Division has 3 or less teams then only one team shall be promoted.
- D In all Divisions the form of play shall be singles match play, and each team shall consist of five players although if 5 players are not available a minimum of 3 players shall constitute a team. Each individual game shall be played over eighteen holes, but in the event of a course not being in full play, the number of holes constituting a match shall be left to the discretion of the home club.
- E Players may not play for League Teams for more than one Club in any one season.

### 2. Scoring

- A The winner of each game shall be credited one game point. Should a game be halved, each side will be credited with a half game point. Two match points will be awarded to the winning team or a total of 1 match points each should a match be halved.
- B At the conclusion of the Tournament the Division winner shall be the team with the highest number of total points. In the event of a tie on total points then the team with the most match points shall be deemed the winner. In the event of teams being tied on both total and match points the winner shall be decided by the aggregate score between the two teams involved in the tie. If there is still a tie then a play-off will be held, each team Captain shall nominate a player who will play in a sudden death play-off should the game scores be equal on completion of the play-off match.
- C Immediately following a match the HOME CLUB must return full details of the match to the League Secretary. Home teams failing to submit the result within **48 hours** following the match will, at the discretion of the secretary, suffer a deduction of one game point from their total points won during the season. This will also apply to advising the Secretary of **postponed matches**. Scores must be returned to the Secretary complete with a list of all players. Failure to do this may result in no score to both teams. Cards not **FULLY** completed will at the discretion of the secretary result in a 1 Point penalty to the **HOME** club.

### 3. Nominated Players/Contact Details

- A Before the season starts each club shall forward a list of nominated players to the League Secretary. Clubs shall nominate each team entered except the lowest team. If no nominations are received the team playing the first match is deemed to be nominated.
- B A nominated player is not permitted to play in a lower team and can play in each higher team twice and still remain eligible for their nominated team. On playing a third match for each higher team the player then becomes a nominated player for that higher team. E.g. A nominated 4<sup>th</sup> team player can play 2 games for each of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> teams and still remain eligible for the 4<sup>th</sup> team.
- C Of the 5 players nominated at least 3 must play in each of the first THREE matches of the season. This can be any three of the nominated players in each of the first three matches. If any of the first three matches are cancelled due to weather related issues then this ruling will either be carried over to the next game(s) or be in place for the fixture on the rearranged date. This will be decided in advance by the team in question. The penalty for not fielding 3 nominated players in any of the first three matches is 1 game point on the day of the match for each player below the three required. The



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deducted points will be passed to the offending teams opponents on the day.

The only exception to this ruling will be associated with selection for National Team Honours and must be discussed with the League Secretary before the match. Then provided the League Secretary is in agreement another player could substitute.

- D On submission of the nominated players list, clubs shall provide contact details (phone and if possible, email) for a person directly associated with that team. Those contact details will be circulated to all other team contacts in the Tournament. All nomination sheets and result cards must contain both forenames and surnames.

### **4. Fixture Dates and Postponed fixtures**

- A An annual Fixtures meeting will be held in November at which Club Fixture Secretaries will mutually agree the day of the week when matches shall be played. Each Club shall forward a list of the agreed fixtures to the League Secretary by the end of December. Should there be a failure to reach agreement on dates, matches shall be played on a date decided upon by the Council, of which ten day's notice shall be given to each Club Secretary.
- B Division 1 matches are pre-scheduled on Thursdays.
- C The League Secretary will then check the dates, correct any conflicts and issue the official fixture sheets.
- D Fixtures may only be postponed if the home team deems the course unfit for the match to be played.
- E All matches must be played. Should a club fail to provide a team to play on an agreed match date that team will be subject to a 2-point penalty and the match must then be played on a rescheduled date as defined by the League Secretary. Should the team fail to play that rescheduled fixture the team will be removed from the Tournament.
- F The agreed match dates will be those given on the fixture sheets as issued by the League Secretary. The only deviation from those dates will be if those sheets have conflicting dates for the same match. In that case the match will be rescheduled by the League Secretary.
- G A Club may request a change of date due to exceptional circumstances which could affect the club as a whole. Any problems of this nature must be discussed with the League Secretary in good time, prior to the fixture date. Failure to have a good side available is not an exceptional circumstance.
- H In the event of a course being unfit for play every reasonable effort must be made to inform the visiting team to prevent unnecessary travel and waste of time. Following that decision, the League Secretary must also be informed in order for him to set a re-match date.
- I Clubs unable to field a full 5 players must advise the opposition as soon as practicable.
- J Postponed match rescheduled dates will be defined by the League Secretary for the end of the season on the day of the week that the home club normally plays its matches. Teams may play the match before the defined date by joint agreement if desired.
- K The period of the Tournament shall run from nominally the 1<sup>st</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> July.
- L In the event of a Club having more than one team in a Division the home and away fixtures must be completed prior to playing another club. Should any of these matches be postponed due to course unfit for play then they must be rescheduled and played before the end of May.



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### 5. Match Days

- A Before each match starts, Team Captains will exchange teams and order of play.
- B To participate in a league Match, players must be ready to play no later than 6.15pm. The nominal start time will be 5.30pm.
- C All players must play with a ball conforming to current R. & A. regulations.
- D All players are required to comply with the dress code of the home club both on and off the course. Failure to do so will result in loss of points. Any player desiring to wear anything other than full

length tailored trousers and a casual shirt with collar when on the course must verify that it is acceptable to the home club. This is the responsibility of the player.

- E Matches in which play has commenced and not completed on the day due to adverse weather conditions must be concluded in the following manner: -
  - Any game producing a result shall not be replayed, and the result will count in arriving at the final match result.
  - Remaining games must be continued on a mutually convenient date(s) between the same players commencing on the tee immediately following the last completed hole of the interrupted game.
  - In the event of none of the games being completed, then the match is deemed to have been postponed and must be replayed with not necessarily the same players.

### 6. Other

- A All disputes arising under these rules shall be adjudicated upon by the League Secretary whose decision shall be final. Failure of any Club Team to work to the rules or within the spirit of the game may forfeit its place in the tournament.
- B For the use of caddies and buggies. We like to promote the traditional way that singles matches have always been played, that is two players walking the course. However, a caddy can be used if desired.  
A buggy can only be used if and when there is a genuine medical requirement.
- C Following the final week of scheduled fixture's, it is the responsibility of every team to check and verify that the score as published is correct. This must be completed within 2 weeks of the last scheduled week of play.

### DEFINITIONS

- a) MATCH League Fixture played between 2 teams.
- b) GAME Individual singles within the fixture