

# NORFOLK LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION



1912

## INTER – CLUB LEAGUE 2014 RULES OF THE COMPETITION

### 1 ELIGIBILITY

- a) Clubs must have paid their annual County Subscriptions by 1<sup>st</sup> March.  
**Penalty** – disqualification of club team.
- b) Only members of the NLCGA are eligible to enter. Players must be a member of the club for which they play.  
**Penalty** – disqualification of offending player
- c) A player **must** only play for one club in any one season.  
**Penalty** – disqualification of offending player from second club's match.
- d) All matches to be played off handicap – LIMIT 28. A player with a higher handicap may play off 28. Handicaps **MUST** be Competition/Active  
**Penalty** – disqualification of offending player.
- e) All clubs must confirm their entry every year or indicate their wish to join the competition by completing the NLCGA Competition Entry form for the following year. An entry fee must be paid for each team entered in the league.
- f) Matches to be played between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> August.

### 2 MATCH DETAILS

- a) A match comprises 7 games of singles. Different players can be used in each game.
- b) The teams must be listed in handicap order to ensure that the correct opponent is played (*the playing handicap not the exact handicap may be the order*).  
**Penalty** – disqualification of offending player.  
Note: A game may be PLAYED out of sequence in special circumstances.

NOTE: If it is found, after the results have been notified to the Organiser that a player has offended as in 2b), then the player shall be disqualified retrospectively, the match awarded to the opposing player and the team result amended accordingly.

- c) If a player begins the match having declared a HIGHER handicap that would affect the number of strokes given or received, she shall be disqualified, otherwise the player shall play off the declared handicap. (Rules of Golf 6-2a)

- d) The handicap allowance shall be the full difference between the handicaps of the players.
- e) The Match Captains must exchange the team order of play sheets within 15 minutes prior to the first tee time, after which no player may be substituted.
- f) The visiting team shall have the honour.
- g) Should any player fail to be on the tee within 15 minutes after the last game has started, her opponent on the list shall score a “walk over”.
- h) A team shall play all other teams within their division on a home and away basis.

### 3 SCORING

- a) A match shall consist of seven games. Each game shall consist of 18 holes match play. If a game is all square after 18 holes then a half shall be taken.
- b) If a club cannot provide seven players then the opposing team will have a walkover in each non-contested match.
- c) The team that wins the most games will be the winning team, and shall score three points. In the event of a draw (3 ½ - 3 ½) each side shall score one point.

### 4 RESULTS

- a) The WINNING Team shall be responsible for sending the result sheet immediately to the Organiser, who will send it to the Press.

### 5 GENERAL

- a) The Home Team shall be responsible for arranging the matches which should be confirmed in writing. Any changes to fixtures (date/time) must be confirmed in writing (letter or email) by the Home team.
- b) Where a club has two teams in the league the following rules apply:
  - i) If the teams are in the same division then they **MUST** play both a home and away fixture, and both matches **MUST** be played before any match against another club.
  - ii) A player can only play for one team within a club in any league season.  
**Penalty** – disqualification of offending player from second match, the game awarded to the opposing player and team result amended accordingly.
- c) The NLCGA request that caddies do not go onto greens.
- d) Distance measuring devices are permitted in accordance with the Rules of Golf 2012-2015, Appendix IV.5
- e) Motorised buggies are permitted subject to the Transportation Policy of NLCGA.

- f) The winner of each division will be the team with the most points in their division. If more than one team finishes with the same number of points then the winner will be decided as follows:
- i) The team with more matches won over the season will be the winner.  
If still tied:
  - ii) Compare points won in matches played between the tied teams, the team having won the greater number of points shall be the winner.  
If still tied:
  - iii) Compare all game results in matches played between the tied teams, the team having the greater winning margin shall be the winner.  
If still tied:
  - iv) The tied teams will have a play off.
- g) For the purposes of this NLCGA competition, advice may **only** be given to players by their playing partner or their caddies
- h) The top team in Division 2 and all lower divisions shall be promoted.  
The bottom team in all divisions except the lowest shall be relegated.
- i) All new teams entered will be added to the lowest division if that division is not full. Should the lowest division be full, new teams applying to play must wait until there are sufficient to form a new division. Minimum for a division is four teams.

The winning team in each division shall be presented with a trophy at the County AGM.

## **6 ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS**

- a) Suspension – If a match has to be temporarily suspended (e.g. thunderstorm) mark the balls, shelter and continue as soon as possible.
- b) Abandonment – If a match is abandoned and an overall result HAS been reached (i.e. One side has won four matches) the remaining games shall be halved. If, when the match is abandoned, an overall result HAS NOT been reached the Team Captains must arrange a new match on a day suitable to both clubs.

**Team Captains are asked to mutually resolve situations not covered by the above.**

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