

NORFOLK LADIES' COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION



INTER-CLUB SCRATCH LEAGUE 2014 RULES OF THE COMPETITION

1 ELIGIBILITY

- a) Clubs must have paid their annual County Subscriptions by 1st 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 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.
- e) Matches to be played between 1st April and 30th September

2 MATCH DETAILS

- a) A match comprises 3 games of singles played off scratch. Different players can be used each round.
- 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) 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.
- d) The visiting team shall have the honour.
- e) 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".
- f) For the purposes of this NLCGA competition, advice may **only** be given to players by their playing partner or their caddies

3 SCORING

- a) A match shall consist of three 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) The team that wins the most games will be the winning team and shall score three points. In the event of a halved match (1½ - 1½) each team 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 match by contacting the AWAY team and offer three dates, one of which must be a weekday and one a weekend day' Once a date is arranged it cannot be changed unless the course is closed for any reason.
- b) Where a club has two teams in the league the following rules apply:
 - i) If the teams are in the same division, they MUST play their match before a 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 requests 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 the league will be the team with the most points. 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) 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.
- h) 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.

- i) 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 NOT been reached the Team Captains must arrange a new match on a day suitable to both clubs and notify the Organiser.

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

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