

1. The competition will be matchplay with a Home and Away fixture each year, each match consisting of 7 single games with full difference handicap allowance. Participating clubs will be in divisions. The league will consist of a maximum of 18 participating clubs, divided into 3 divisions.
2. Players will play off their Handicap Index. Up to four players in the category 0-20.4 can be in the team. If a player's handicap index drops below 20.4 within 48 hours prior to a match and this means there are 5 players with handicaps up to 20.4, the match will be valid. The same will apply to anyone whose handicap index rises above 36.4. However, every effort should be made to bring in a reserve in these circumstances. If the handicap index change occurs outside the 48 hour period, the individual match will be awarded to the opposing side.
3. Each player must have submitted a minimum of 5 cards for handicap purposes in the previous 12 months prior to the date of the match to be played. The match captain will be responsible for checking if their players have submitted the minimum number of qualifying cards. Any person who is found to have played and won whilst not adhering to the rule should lose the individual game within that match. Exception – if a player has been unable to put in qualifying cards due to injury or illness.
4. The results will be scored as 1 point for each game won, ½ a point each for a draw, 0 points for a loss.
5. Handicap Index limit of 36.4: In the event that one team cannot raise the full number of players by the agreed starting times, the match can still be played but the incomplete team automatically forfeits the unplayed game(s).
6. Players will be sent out in strict handicap index order – lowest first. A handicap index increase takes precedence over a handicap index cut when players are off the same exact handicap index. Pairings are made just prior to play by the two captains of the day. Once pairings have been agreed by both team captains prior to play, no changes can be made. In special circumstances, a player and her opposition player can play out of sequence, if all are in agreement. Should a player be unavoidably delayed but arrives and is ready to play within 5 minutes of the penultimate match going out, then that agreed pairing may play last. Otherwise, that particular match will be awarded to the opposing side.
7. Use of Buggies: as soon as possible, please inform the opposing team's Captain that a member(s) of your team would be using a buggy and what number(s) they are in the team.
8. In the event of a break of play due to bad weather: this usually means lightning or appalling bad weather. Unless the balls are marked and players recommence the same day, then the match is void and must be replayed. If a match cannot be rearranged, then the points will be halved as if it were a draw.
9. If a player is a member of 2 clubs, both of which compete in the Inter Club League, then the player can only play for the club where their handicap is held.
10. All matches must be completed by 30th September. No extension will be given.
11. In the event of a tie for points at the end of the season, the criteria to decide will be:
 - a) Most wins overall. If still tied, then the number of halved matches is taken into account.
 - b) If still tied, then the club having won the most points away from home.

12. The trophies will be in the form of plaques presented each year to the winners of each division. The plaques will be engraved and kept by the winning clubs. Participating clubs will share in the cost of the plaques and administration each year.
13. Plaques will be presented at the AGM each year.
14. The Inter Club League will hold an AGM. each year following the playing season. The elected Committee will consist of:
 - a) Chair/Secretary
 - b) Results Co-ordinator
 - c) Three representatives, one from each division.
15. Whilst every effort is made to cover all eventualities that may arise, it is impossible to foresee all events. If no ruling has been made by the Inter Club, then the Captains of the day should try and agree on a suitable course of action.
16. The league was formed to promote friendly, competitive golf and it is thought to be important that the competitive element is balanced with social play and pure enjoyment.
17. The following proposal was adopted at the AGM, 21st October 2013 -

“That it should be the responsibility of the visiting club to pay the charge stipulated by the host club, who must ensure that the visiting club be made aware in advance of the charge to be paid.”
18. The following proposal was adopted at the AGM, 19th October 2016 –

“Should it occur that, for whatever reason, a player plays ahead of another player or players in her own team of a lower handicap index without their being an agreed alteration to the playing order of pairings, the first player deemed to be out of order shall forfeit her match to the opposing side.”
19. The following proposal was adopted via email with a majority following the AGM, 19th October 2016 –

“In the event of a player not arriving in time for the match a reserve can play as long as she adheres to the handicap order.”

Jill Bocquet (Chair/Secretary)
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