

## GOLD LEAGUE RULES 2017

1.	<p>There will be two divisions with seven clubs in each. Teams from the following clubs have entered the competition.</p> <p>Calcot Park, East Berkshire, Maidenhead, Newbury &amp; Crookham, Reading, Henley, Bearwood Lakes, Castle Royle, Goring &amp; Streatley, Royal Ascot, Sand Martins, Sonning, Temple and Winter Hill.</p>						
2.	<p>The role of Division Organiser will rotate around the Clubs in alphabetical order and each will take a two-year turn in its administration. If the Organisers club is promoted/relegated before its 2 years of office are completed, the next club on the list will take over.</p> <p>A separate document details the job description of the Division Organiser.</p>						
3.	<p>Each participating Club agrees to give courtesy of their course on one day a year for the appropriate number of fourball tee times in late February/March or October/early November.</p>						
4.	<p>Clubs will submit their dates for hosting the League for the following year to the Division Organiser by the end of February i.e. submit 2016 dates by February 2015. The Division Organiser will email the dates to the League Liaison Officer who will oversee the fixture list of the Gold and Silver Leagues in order to avoid a duplication of dates whenever possible.</p>						
5.	<p>Each team will pay an annual admin fee of £5 to the Division Organiser to cover costs of printing, phone calls etc.</p>						
6.	<p>Each team will consist of six bona fide lady members of the participating clubs, and may include junior members. There will be no handicap allowance.</p>						
7.	<p>Two members from each team will play an 18 hole better ball competition (no more no less) against the better ball of the two other players and the rules for Fourball Match Play apply. Should a player be absent it is acceptable for one to play two; the single player may be joined by her partner at any time during the match between holes but not during the play of a hole. (Rules of Golf 30.3)</p> <p>If a club does not field a full team of 6 players, they are still required to play in all 3 matches, even if they only have 1 player for each 4BBB match. In the event of a match not being played due to no opposition the defaulting team forfeits the match and the opposition wins with 2 pts and 1 hole up.</p>						
8.	<p>Each team will play one match against each other team on a neutral course.</p>						
9.	<p>The order of play will be at the team captain's discretion.</p>						
10.	<p>Matches will commence as specified on start sheets. (Rules of Golf 33.3)</p>						
11.	<p>In the event of extreme weather conditions or injury during the match, if one pair declines to continue then they shall concede the match and forfeit all the holes not played. If both pairs are in agreement they shall halve the remaining holes</p>						
12.	<p>The allocation of points will be:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Each pair winning a match will score</td> <td style="text-align: right;">TWO points</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">Each pair halving a match will score</td> <td style="text-align: right;">ONE point</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">The team winning more holes on aggregate will score</td> <td style="text-align: right;">ONE point</td> </tr> </table>	Each pair winning a match will score	TWO points	Each pair halving a match will score	ONE point	The team winning more holes on aggregate will score	ONE point
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13.	If a match has to be abandoned it should be replayed completely on the specified course as arranged by the Division Organiser. If this cannot be arranged then the points will be halved.
14.	The team with the most points after all the matches have been played will be the winner of the League. In the event of a tie the number of HOLES UP will decide the winner. If another tie results the winner will be decided by the NET result of holes up. The bottom club of Division 1 will be relegated and the winner of Division 2 will be promoted.
15.	Each team will nominate a Team Captain who will be responsible for all communication with her team and for ensuring the smooth running of the event when played at her home Club. (See separate document giving detailed responsibilities of the Team Captain)
16.	The host club should advise in advance if there are any restrictions in force e.g. trolley ban. The host club should be present to greet visiting clubs as they arrive and provide a starter to ensure the timely start of matches and also to make players aware of local rules and conditions of the day. The starter should explain course distance markers and give any necessary information regarding the course layout.
17.	The visiting teams will pay the full cost of any refreshments they may have at the host club.
18.	A player may play only for one club in the Scratch League during a season.
19.	The engraving of the trophy will be the responsibility of the winning club.
20.	The results of the matches should be notified by the WINNING team and any enquiries to the current Division organiser. She will then confirm these by email to all the Team Captains, Vice Captains and League Liaison Officer, together with the cumulative positions. To avoid any discrepancies at the end of the season it is very important that the Captains/Vice Captains check after each match the accuracy of their teams results both for the current match and their cumulative position in the league.
21.	The Division organisers and League Liaison Officer will be a small committee for reference and to help make decisions that are consistent across the leagues.
22.	The League matches will be played during Feb/March and Oct/Nov and the year will be deemed to have commenced in February. There will be a meal in November of each year to which all ladies who have played in the League plus the Lady Captain of each club, whether a player or not, are invited to attend. A brief AGM will be held in conjunction with this Presentation Meal to discuss any issues which may have arisen during the season. Should a vote be necessary, one vote per club is permitted. Each Club should ensure at least one representative is present. The trophies will be presented and promotion / relegation announced. Current Division Organisers will alternate the venue.
23.	Caddies, bag carriers and trolley pullers are not allowed for the matches.

24.	TEAM CAPTAINS REMINDER - If any match loses ground on the match in front and the match behind is kept waiting they MUST invite that match through.
25.	<p>The course must be played as set out on the day, which may include: Temporary greens, no trolleys, no buggies or specify particular requirements e.g. hedgehog wheels. Please ensure that only ONE team member rings the venue pro shop to check conditions on the day.</p> <p>If a player requires the use of a buggy due to short or long term ill health or disability there is no requirement for a medical certificate but the player concerned should contact the host club and the opposition Captain before the match both out of courtesy, and in order to confirm that the course will allow a buggy on the day of the match.</p> <p>Only the person affected can use the buggy, not her playing partner or her partner's equipment. NB. The decision whether to permit trolleys or buggies on the day rests solely with the host club.</p>
26.	Competitors may use a distance measuring device If the local rules of the host course allow.
27.	Any club that wishes to leave the league must give the Division Organiser and League Liaison Officer one year's notice.
28.	Amendments to the above Rules may only be made on a majority vote of Club representatives, one vote per club.