

Bronze League Rules 2019/20

1. Teams from the clubs listed below have entered the League:
Bearwood Lakes, Castle Royal, Caversham Heath, Donnington Grove, Donnington Valley, East Berks, East Hampstead, Goring & Streatley, Hennerton, Maidenhead, Mapledurham, Newbury & Crookham, Reading, Royal Ascot, Sand Martins, Sonning, and Winter Hill.
Temple has withdrawn.
2. Each team will take a one-year turn in the administration of the league in **alphabetical** rotation. **A separate document details the job description of the Division Organiser.**
3. **This year there will be 3 leagues of 6 different teams in each league (configurations will change depending on the number of teams, but when possible the leagues should have the same number of teams.** Each team will consist of six bona fide lady members (**Handicaps of 20.5 or above**) of the above clubs, and may include junior members of 21 handicap and over.
4. Matches will be three matches of Fourball Better Ball played off scratch 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)
5. **If there is an odd number of teams in the League** each team will play one match against each other team on a neutral course. **When the number is even, then each team will play at home when they host the League,** as designated by the League Rules.
6. The host club is responsible for contacting the other six teams and offering a date when they can provide 9* consecutive tee times. It is up to visiting teams to make themselves available to play on the dates offered.
7. ***The League may be flexible in match format if numbers of teams change. This season, we are offering a mixture of 6 and 4 team fixtures, in order to accommodate everyone playing each other once.**
8. The order of play and pairings will be at the team captain's discretion.
9. Matches will commence as specified on start sheets.
10. The final match score i.e holes up, will be recorded on the scorecard handed to the co-ordinator. Each pair winning a match will score TWO points
Each pair halving a match will score ONE point
In the event that a team plays and wins all 3 matches then that team shall be awarded ONE bonus point.
11. If the host club decides that a match has to be abandoned it should be replayed completely on the specified course as arranged by the host club. If this cannot be arranged then the points will be halved. If at any stage on the match day, one team or pair decline to play then they must concede the match and the points shall be awarded to the opposition. If the match is not conceded and both teams or pairs decline to play neither team nor pair shall be awarded any points. The scorecard(s) must be signed by each pair to reflect any agreement to concede or decision not to play.
12. **Each match shall end when one team has won. In the event of a halved match, play shall not continue beyond the 18th hole.**
13. 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 match play results i.e. holes up will decide the winner. In the event of there still being a tie, the result of the match between the tied teams will decide the winner. **The same principle applies in determining all other placings.**
14. The host club will provide light refreshments to be **ordered to eat before, during or after the match.** The visiting teams will play the full cost of the refreshments to the host club. It is the visiting team's decision on the amount each player will pay and whether they wish to subsidise their own players. **Players should be encouraged to support the host club.**
15. The host club should be present to greet visiting clubs as they arrive. A starter should be provided 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. **Teams should be at the start in ample time to hear these details before their tee time.**

16. The host club will fill in the result sheet in conjunction with all visiting captains and return the sheet to the League Organiser.
17. A player may play for one club only during the League season.
18. The engraving of the trophy will be the responsibility of the winning club in League 1.
19. **If necessary, a small committee will be formed for reference and to assist with the making of decisions to include the past, present and future organisers of the league.**
20. The League Matches **should** be played during the last 2 weeks of September, 1st 2 weeks of October, the 2nd 2 weeks of October, the 1st week of November, the 1st 2 weeks of February, the 2nd 2 weeks of February, the 1st 2 weeks of March and 2nd 2 weeks of March.
21. **There will be a lunch in April of each year to which all ladies who have played in the League plus the Lady Captain, whether a player or not, are invited to attend.**
22. **An AGM will be held after the lunch 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.**
23. Caddies, and trolley pullers are not allowed for the matches. Under extreme weather conditions and if "Carry only" is allowed at the course then Bag Carriers, Men or Women will be allowed.
24. **Slow play penalties will be applied under the Rules of Golf 5.6a & 5.6b.**
Penalty for unreasonably delay is firstly, 1 penalty shot; then 2 penalty shots, followed by disqualification.
25. The course must be played as set out on the day, which may include: Temporary greens, No trolleys.
26. If courses stipulate a trolley ban except for certain kinds of trolleys e.g. hedgehog wheels, these can be used if players have their own or they are available for hire from the Club, this will be on a first come first served basis.
27. **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. 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.**
28. GPS and course measuring devices, these may be used by players providing the host Club allows them.