

## **CGGU MID-AMATEUR LEAGUE CONDITIONS** **2021 SEASON**

### **1. Composition**

- 1.1 The league is divided into 5 (five) divisions with a maximum of 6 (six) teams per division after promotion and relegation has been applied based on the previous season's results and after entries have closed for the new season.
- 1.2 Clubs may be restricted to enter a maximum of 2 (two) teams each unless otherwise approved by the CGGU based on availability. Should too many teams be entered where it becomes impractical to complete the season successfully, the CGGU reserves the right to decide if a club's team must be excluded, and this decision will be final.

### **2. Date of Play**

All matches must be played on the date as published on the fixture list **and no extensions will be permitted**. Clubs may arrange with their opponents to play the match prior to the scheduled date but not a later date. **The clubs must notify the union if there has been any date changes.** Any match not completed by the Monday following the scheduled date, will be logged as completed with neither team being allocated any points.

### **3. Club Responsibilities**

- 3.1 The Club reflected first on the fixture list is to be the host Club for the match. Matches are subject to the home club's local rules and should start at 12:00pm or at an alternative time agreed to by both clubs concerned. **Unless agreed via written communication and agreed upon by both clubs it will be assumed that the tee times will start at 12:00pm. Clubs are responsible for recording the correct tee time on the Scorecapture Online system.**
- 3.2 The host club should set the course up so that matches are played off the Traditional Club Tees (in most cases the White Course) and the overall length must not exceed the total length as per the club rating distance on the scorecard.
- 3.3 A maximum of 3 (three) temporary greens may be used by the home club, failing which, an alternative venue must be arranged for the fixture or the "home" team must also play at the away venue.
- 3.4 In the event of a course being hollowtynd, the clubs may swap their return fixtures as long as the other course is also not hollowtynd.

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#### 4. Details of play

- 4.1 Play is to be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Golf as set by The R&A Rules of Golf. The format of play will be individual match play over 18 holes off scratch. (No handicaps)
- 4.2 Players are required to comply with the host club's Covid-19 Risk Mitigation Protocols. Clubs should abide by the GolfRSA Risk Mitigation Guidelines.
- 4.3 All players are required to open their round prior to the start of each match. The home club should assist and request players to open their rounds.
- 4.4 Teams in shall consist of eight players. Each team shall have a designated Captain.
- 4.5 Order of play will be as per the draw.
- 4.6 Clubs are responsible for accurately uploading their correct team players on the Scorecapture Online System. The uploading of team names can be done at any stage before the fixture, but there will be a cut-off at 23:59 the day before the scheduled date. Clubs may elect to "hide" their team from the opposing team, but these will become visible 30 mins before the club's recorded first tee time.
- 4.7 Should a club not upload their team by the cut-off time the following penalties will be imposed:

**First time - warning, 2<sup>nd</sup> time - 1 GAME point penalty, 3<sup>rd</sup> time - 2 GAMES point penalty, etc.**

- 4.6 The number 8 shall play first and thereafter players shall play consecutively in reverse order. Teams may submit any batting order they wish, regardless if they do not have a full team.
- 4.7 Starting Times: In accordance to Rule 5.3a When to Start Round, the Note to this Rule will be in effect. "If a player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, **within 5 minutes after his starting time**, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole." Should a player arrive later than 5 minutes after his starting time, the penalty is disqualification.
- 4.8 The use of approved Distance Measuring Devices will be permitted during the play of league games. This condition will override the local rules of the host club with regard to distance measuring devices.
- 4.9 The use of golf carts are permitted.
- 4.10 Clubs in most cases should have no placing for Mid-Amateur League. Only if there is an abnormal condition on the course will this be permitted.

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- 4.11 Only local caddies may be used. Clubs to book caddies one week in advance. If there is a shortage of caddies, the visiting Club with the host Clubs approval, may bring their own caddies.

## **5. Participants**

- 5.1 This league is open to all male affiliated amateur golfers whose club is a member of the Central Gauteng Golf Union and who has attained at least the age of 30 years on the tee.
- 5.2 A player must be officially handicapped at the Club he is representing.
- 5.3 A player may not play for more than one team in the same round.
- 5.4 A player who represents his Club in the current Handicap or Scratch League season may represent his Club in the current Mid-Amateur League season or vice versa.
- 5.5 A player shall not represent more than one Club in the current season in the same Union.
- 5.6 Where a Club has more than 1 (one) team in a Division, no more than 2 (two) players may be demoted from their previous match, unless written approval has been obtained from the CGGU.
- 5.7 Where a Club has teams in more than 1 (one) Division, no more than 2 (two) players may be demoted from a higher to a lower Division.

**In the event of clause 5 being breached during play of the current Mid-Amateur League season, the Club shall automatically lose every game in which the defaulting player participated.**

## **6. Weather**

- 6.1 If the course is open at the start of the matches, the matches must played in accordance with Clause 4 - Details of Play.
- 6.2 If the course is deemed unplayable prior to the start of the matches and called off by the Club's Duty Officials, the result will be deemed a half ( i.e. 4 GAMES ALL) and will not be rescheduled.
- 6.3 If a match has started and is subsequently called off due to weather conditions, the results will be determined as follows:

- 6.3.1 Where any of the eight matches progressed through 9 holes, the results of the match will be determined in accordance with the standing of each of the matches at the time of abandonment;
- 6.3.2 Where any of the eight matches have not yet reached the 10<sup>th</sup> tee, those matches will be declared a half.

Note 1: The Club Official (Club Manager, Duty Club Manager or Golf Director) of the Club will determine if weather conditions prevent or cause delay, abandonment or resumption of play. Once any of the aforementioned determinations are made, the **players must be advised accordingly. Should the decision be to prevent or abandon play, the rules as defined in clauses 6.2 and 6.3 must be used to determine the results of the day.**

Note 2: A Club that has its course closed due to weather/ playability in the days prior to a fixture and that remains closed on the day of the fixture **MUST** advise the visiting Club or its team of such closure, in good time, to avoid unnecessary travel for those visiting players. All reasonable effort must be made to undertake this courtesy. Failure to advise the visiting team of such closure, will result in the match being awarded to the **VISITING TEAM**.

Note 3: Players are expected to remain at the home Club until such time as the Club Official calls off play for the day.

## **7. Results**

- 7.1 The Scorecapture Online result sheet must be completed and verified by both the home and away team captains and submitted on the date of play. Details on how to submit via the Scorecapture Online process is available in the Scorecapture League Manual.
- 7.2 Should a club not submit their scores and verify them by the end of the day of the date being played the following penalty will be imposed:

**First time - warning, 2nd time - 1 GAME point penalty, 3rd time - 2 GAMES point penalty, etc.**

## **8. Scoring**

- 8.1 The overall result will be obtained by awarding 1 (one) point to a player who wins his match and ½ (half) a point if he halves. In the event of a match being all square after 18 holes the match will be declared a half.
- 8.2 Two points shall be awarded to the winning team of a match. In the event of the match being halved, one point shall be awarded to each team.
- 8.3 In the event of a team defaulting, their opponents will be awarded 4 ½ Games points and two Points towards the log results. The defaulting team will not receive any games points.

## **9. Withdrawals**

Should a team withdraw during the season the results of the matches played by the team will be null and void and logs will be adjusted accordingly. The remaining matches will be cancelled.

## **10. Ties In The League Log**

Should two or more teams have the same points in the log standings, the following will apply in order of preference to determine the winning team:

- 1) The team with the most Games Points, thereafter;
- 2) The result between the two tied teams, thereafter;
- 3) The team with the most halved matches, thereafter;
- 4) In the first tied match as per the schedule between the two teams, the result of the team's No 1 player, thereafter in the second tied match as per the schedule between the two teams, the result of the team's No 1 players, then the team's No 2 players and so on until a winner is determined.
- 5) If none of the above result in an outcome the tie will be determined by the flip of a coin.

## **11. Local Rules**

- 11.1 Play will be conducted in terms of the host Clubs Local Rules.
- 11.2 Please note Rule 4.8 which allows the use of Distance Measuring Devices.

## **12 Promotion And Relegation**

At the end of the season, the bottom **two** team in each Division shall be relegated and the top **two** teams of each Division below shall be promoted. The relegation may be negated should fewer teams be entered into the league the following year.

## **13. General Information**

- 13.1 An entry fee determined by the CGGU will be due per team at the start of each season.
- 13.2 Closing dates for entries shall be fixed by the CGGU and all clubs shall be notified thereof.
- 13.3 All caddy and cart fees are for the player's own account.

- 13.4 A playing fee for each round of the league season will be waived as the matches will occur on a home and away basis. In the event of matches taking place on a neutral venue, playing fees will have to be paid.
- 13.5 In the event of a Club cancelling a scheduled match with less than 72 hours' notice, that Club will forfeit the match and will also be invoiced by the opposing Club for lost revenue at the Club's Member rates.
- 13.6 Visiting players must adhere to the home Club's dress code regulations for the course and Clubhouse.
- 13.7 Players are permitted to complete their round once their match has concluded, provided they do not cause delay and do not interfere or assist with the other match which is still ongoing.
- 13.8 All Matchplay scores are required for handicapping purposes. Players must be aware of the guidelines in the HNA Handicap Manual to ensure that they correctly submit their scores.

#### **14. Disputes**

- 14.1 Should a dispute arise during or after a match regarding either a breach of a rule of golf or of a condition of the league, a claim must be made by the players according to the Rules of Golf (Rule 20.1b). If a valid claim is made the teams must resolve the dispute before the result is final. A result will be considered final once both teams have verified the scores on Scorecapture.
- 14.2 Should a situation arise that the teams are unable to resolve the dispute they should submit this in writing to the CGGU within 2 days after the situation arose. Failure to notify the union in time will result in the claim not being considered.

**The CGGU retains the right to impose such penalties for the non-compliance by any Club, of any condition, or any occurrence not covered by the conditions as it may deem appropriate**

**A CLUB THAT HAS ENTERED AND HAS HAD ITS TEAM ACCEPTED FOR THE CURRENT LEAGUE SEASON BINDS ITSELF TO COMPLY WITH THESE CONDITIONS**