

EKURHULENI GOLF UNION

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SCRATCH LEAGUE CAPTAIN AND CLUB MANAGER CONDITIONS AND RULES FOR THE 2024 - MEN'S SCRATCH LEAGUE 30 JANUARY 2024

The League will be played under the Rules of Golf as approved by the R. & A. Rules Ltd. and the bye laws and rules of the host clubs as approved by the Ekurhuleni Golf Union.

1. CONDITIONS:

The League is divided into two (2) Divisions. Six (6) teams in "A" Division and Five (5) in "B" Division

1.1 ORDER OF PLAY to be handed to the duty official on time (See Rules 5.4 below)

2. DATES AND TIMES OF PLAY:

2.1 A draw has been prepared and matches will take place on the dates and times stated.

2.2 Host Clubs are required to close the course for the full morning.

Host Clubs are required to grant courtesy of their course (i.e. by waiver of Visitors Green Fees) to participating League Team members wanting to practice, at such times from Monday to Friday and if possible, on the weekend, may be suitable to the host Club. Players must make application for such facilities as early as possible before the day on which they wish to play a practice round. **Courtesy of the course must also be afforded to members of a Host Club wishing to play at another course in the Union, on the day of the League Fixture.**

2.3 Duty Officials: The Ekurhuleni Golf Union Officials on duty will be the tournament committee. The tournament committee will deal with decisions and disputes of any kind and their ruling will be final.

2.4 Adverse weather conditions:

In the event of adverse weather conditions, i.e. lightning a siren will sound in one long blast, suspending play. Players must discontinue play immediately and mark the position of their golf balls. Should a player not discontinue play immediately, he will be disqualified. If no further play is possible, the matches will be decided on their state at the time of suspension, provided all matches have completed nine holes. If all matches have not completed at least nine holes and cannot be continued the fixture will be rescheduled.

2.5 If a Club fails to fulfil any fixture, the points accumulated will be declared null and void to ALL matches played (including the opposing teams) and the log will be recalculated. **The offending Club will be suspended from participating in the remaining League matches and may be withdrawn, depending on Executive Committee's decision, from ALL League fixtures for the current and following year.**

3. TEAMS AND PLAYERS: (OPEN TO FULL GOLF MEMBERS OF CLUBS i.e. NO WEEKDAY, COUNTRY OR RESTRICTED MEMBERS ETC)

3.1 Teams will consist of eight (8) male players.

3.2 A player may only represent one club during the Season.

3.3 Any player who has played Scratch League in the current year may play in the Mid-Amateur League.

NOTE:

A player may play Handicap League until the start of Scratch League. Thereafter, once the Scratch league commences (and he plays Scratch League) he will not be allowed to play Handicap League again during the current year.

4. **FORMAT AND SCORING:**

- 4.1 **The format will be two ball Match play or three ball Match play**
- 4.2 Two points shall be awarded to the winning team after every match. In the event of a match being tied one point will be awarded to each team. The team with the highest number of points on the League Log will be declared the winner of the Division.
- 4.3 Promotion / relegation will be based on two teams up and two teams down provided that a club does not have more than two teams in the higher division. The winning team in the "A" Division will participate in the Northern Provinces Scratch League Finals.
- 4.4 In the event of a tie, on points between teams on the League Log at the end of the season, the team with the highest number of games won shall be placed above the other team. If there is still a tie the result of the match between the two teams will determine the positions on the log.
- 4.5 Trophies will be awarded to the Winning Team in each Division.
- 4.6 It would be appreciated if the teams support the host clubs after matches. If Covid-19 Restrictions allow.

5. **MOTORISED GOLF CARTS (RIDE ON)** may only be used provided a medical certificate is shown to the Duty Officer not less than 20 minutes before the match. The certificate must not be older than six (6) months. Only the player and his clubs may be on the cart.

WHERE GOLF CLUBS HAVE NO CADDIES THE USE OF GOLF CARTS IS PERMISSABLE.

6. **DRESS CODE: SHORTS WILL BE PERMITTED ON THE GOLF COURSE.**

7. **NO SIT-DOWN HALFWAY HOUSE WILL BE PERMITTED (GRAB AND GO). PLAYERS MUST PROCEED TO THEIR 10TH TEE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

5. **RULES:**

5.1 **ELECTRONIC MEASURING DEVICES (Rule 4.3a):** Any device may be used to gauge or measure **DISTANCE ONLY (including cell phones).**

5.2 **PREFERRED LIES:** When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from the relief area. The reference point is the spot of the original ball and the size of the relief area, measured from the reference point is one club-length, but must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and must be in the general area. The ball once placed and at rest is in play

5.3 **Team Managers:** Officially appointed Team Managers are **not permitted on the greens.** **(Penalty for breach by Manager – loss of hole for his player).** Giving of advice, including pointing out a line for putting is permitted under the rules.

5.4 **Order of Play:** Written order of play must be handed to the Duty Officer **40 minutes before their tee off time on match days** and may only be altered to include the named reserve (**whose name must be included on the Team Sheet**) in the position of the absent player. The name of the Team Manager must also appear on the Team Sheet.

5.5 **Only Club tees to be used (normally white).**

5.6 If a player has played in two rounds in the Scratch League, he may not play in a Lower Team in subsequent rounds. **THIS RULE COVERS BOTH DIVISIONS.**

5.7 The penalty for a player not being on the tee when called on to tee off shall be: **loss of the first hole should he tee off within the five minutes. Thereafter – disqualification. Only one such disqualification shall be allowed. A Team with more than one such disqualification shall be withdrawn from the Scratch League for the Season and may not compete in the Scratch League Division in which the withdrawal was imposed for the next League Season.**

If a club is withdrawn from the League, the points accumulated will be declared null and void to **ALL** matches played (including the opposing teams) and the log will be recalculated.

5.8 Team Managers/Captains are to ensure players adhere to Local Club Rules as well as golf etiquette in regard to spikes, dress code, food, liquor etc.

5.9 Should a club not adhere to paragraph 2.2, regarding the closure of the course, the entire venue will be cancelled and an alternative venue will be selected.

The offending course will not host a Scratch League venue for the next season.

5.10 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:** The consumption of alcoholic beverages on the course by players is prohibited. **PENALTY: ONE WARNING, THEREAFTER DISQUALIFICATION.**

5.11 **CELL PHONES:** The use of cell phones by a player or his caddie to make or receive calls during a stipulated round is not encouraged. **The player may use a cell phone to contact a Rules Official or to measure distance or in the case of emergency.**

PLAYING FEES TO BE CHARGED AT R280-00 PER PLAYER AT ALL CLUBS, AND PAID IN FULL FOR THE TEAM BY THE MANAGER/CAPTAIN TO THE HOST CLUB.

NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE TO THESE RULES DURING THE 2024 SEASON.

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