



WINTER LEAGUE RULES 2020-21

The Winter League will be played on selected Sundays from October to April. The draw will be posted on the club website and on the Facebook members page on Monday 12th October and the first matches will be played on Sunday 18th October. Times will be drawn for each match and will be from 08.30am to 10.50am. Each match will be played over **13 holes (1 -13 on Championship)**, Men play from the Yellow tees and Ladies off Red tees.

The format of the competition will be 4- Ball Better Ball Matchplay

3 groups of teams have been drawn with the winners of each group progressing to the Semi-Finals. The 4th semi-finalist will be the team that achieves the highest points total out of the runners up. The team qualifying as runner up cannot be drawn against the winners of their group in the semi- finals.

Points scored for each match are as follows:

2 POINTS FOR A WIN – 1 POINT FOR DRAW – 0 POINT FOR LOSS

IN THE EVENT OF A TIE FOR SEMI FINAL PLACES THE TEAMS WHO HAVE RECORDED THE MOST HOLES WON WILL QUALIFY.

The Semi-Final matches will be drawn and played over 18 holes after the completion of the leagues.

The Semi-Finals will be played on Sunday 14th March over 18 holes

The Final will be played on Sunday 28th March over 18 holes

The losing teams from the semi-finals will play for third and fourth place. 5th place will be played for on the finals Sunday, by all the other teams that played in the winter league, with the winners of a 4 Ball Better Ball Stableford competition receiving the 5th place prize.

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LADIES RECEIVE 3 COURSE LEVELLING SHOTS DUE TO THE DIFFERENCE IN STANDARD SCRATCH BETWEEN YELLOW AND RED TEES.

Handicap allowance will be **Max 24 Men, Max 32 Ladies** with three course levelling

shots for the ladies which should be added to the ladies handicap before calculating shots. (Note: lady playing off 32 will be calculated $32+3=35$).

HANDICAPS CALCULATED AS 13/18 AND THEN NORMAL BETTER BALL ALLOWANCE OF 9/10 DIFFERENCE FROM LOWEST HANDICAPPED PLAYER APPLIES.

The new WHS handicaps will not be in play for this year's edition of the Winter League. Your old CONGU handicap should be used for the duration of the competition.

Both Ladies and Men's strokes are taken from the index on the specially prepared winter league card. A mixed team will both play from the mens stroke index.

PLAYERS MUST NOTIFY OPPOSITION ASAP IF A MATCH IS TO BE FORFEITED.

In the event of a team not intending to show up for a match, that team must text, email or Facebook (any method of writing) their opponents who then must claim the 2 points and the score recorded will be 2&1. If no contact has been made, the team must still report to the 1st tee and if their opponents show up within 5 minutes passing of the tee time, they will lose the first hole according to the rules of golf. Any later than 5 minutes after the tee time results in disqualification and the team present must claim the match, 2 points and the score recorded will be 2&1.

No show players continually offending may be disqualified from the winter league at the committee's discretion. If a team is disqualified from the winter league all of their opponents will receive maximum points with a score of 2&1 including all previously played matches regardless of the result. If one of the partners arrives late he/she may join the match as laid out in the rules of golf.

If you are certain your partner is not going to arrive at all, then in the event that his handicap was the lowest in the group you can declare before commencement of play not to take shots against his handicap. Please note he would not then be allowed to join the game. If you decide to assume that he will join the game then you must state before commencement of play and all players take shots against handicap on the formula described above. This remains the case even if he/she does not show. If a player cannot get to the course because of poor weather conditions but the course remains open and the competition on, it is considered a no show.

Buggies are allowed; though players are reminded they must stick to the paths and walk across to their ball.

If the game week is cancelled due to bad weather, the match is drawn and both teams awarded one point. In the case of a 'bye' in one of the groups, the 2&1 win stands regardless of the game week being cancelled.

Reserves.

1. Any full member of Willow Valley Golf with a handicap can play as a reserve in Winter League
2. Reserves can only play a maximum of 1 game for any team during the league stages
3. The same reserve can only play a maximum of 2 games in each group
4. All teams may only field maximum of 3 reserve players during league stages
5. One member of the entered team must play for the match to be valid, therefore teams will not be allowed to field two reserves as substitutes in their absence or one reserve playing alone.
6. **No reserves will be allowed to play in the Semi-Finals and Finals.**

Penalty for breach of rules 2,3,4 & 5 is a 2-point deduction per breach and all points from the matches played during the breach going to the opponents with a score of 2&1 loss.

Any disputes should be addressed to the committee, whose decision shall be final.