

RULES OF THE MENS EAST DEVON GOLF LEAGUE AND HAMISH MARSHALL TROPHY & EDGL CUP (EVEN CLUB NUMBERS)

Participating Clubs: Axe Cliff, Bovey Tracey, Exminster, Downes Crediton, Honiton, and Exeter

LEAGUE RULES

- 1 A league competition based on matches between each club during the summer months.
- 2 League Format with an even number of clubs participating :

SUMMARY

- Each club to host one match day.
- 6 match days in total (5 League + 1 Hamish Marshall Cup).
- Match days are ideally scheduled one a month (Apr-Sept).
- League champions host the following year's 'Cup' match day (Hamish Marshall Trophy).
- League champions don't have home tie in the following year's League fixtures.
- Team with the least League points won't face a 'Home' team in the following year's fixture.
- The previous League champions would host the Hamish Marshall on their match day and they wouldn't therefore have home advantage in any of the League fixtures.
- Of the teams continuing to compete in EDGL, the lowest team from the previous season would not face a 'Home' team in the upcoming League fixtures.
- The other 5 competing teams will each play a host team once (highlighted in Red) in the League fixtures.
- Proposed fixtures (randomly selected example) below:-

APRIL – Axe Cliff

AXE v **BOV** ~ EXE v CRED ~ HON v EXM

MAY – Exeter

Hamish Marshall Trophy

JUNE – Exminster

EXM v **EXE** ~ AXE v HON ~ BOV v CRED

JULY – Honiton

HON v **CRED** ~ EXE v BOV ~ AXE v EXM

AUG – Bovey Tracy

BOV v **HON** ~ CRED v EXM ~ EXE v AXE

SEPT – Crediton

CRED v **AXE** ~ BOV v EXM ~ EXE v HON

- 3 An Annual General Meeting shall be called by the League Chairman giving 21 days notice and will be held as early as practicable once the season is concluded. Any costs of such a meeting shall be shared equally amongst all clubs, whether in attendance or not.

- 4 Fixtures will be held on Saturdays or Sundays during the period of British Summer Time. Matches may commence at times to be agreed at the Annual General Meeting or shortly thereafter. Available dates and times shall be submitted to the League Chairman prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman will coordinate the fixtures and distribute a fixture list.
- 5 The host club will provide at least one non-playing Match Administrator who will act as starter, rules official and results coordinator.
- 6 Any ruling made by the Match Administrators will be final and binding.
- 7 Matches will be played according to the agreed schedule. The selection of the corresponding letters will be made by ballot at the Annual General Meeting.
- 8 Each match is to consist of 5 pairs from each club playing in a Fourball Betterball matchplay format, played off 90% difference in handicap.
- 9 Matches will commence at appropriate intervals according to local practice & conditions. The host club will reserve the tee as appropriate, leaving buffers between matches.
- 10 The maximum "Course Handicap" allowance will be 18.0
- 11 Players are not restricted to playing only for their home club, but no player may play for more than one club within the league during a season.
- 12 Team Captains may select pairings irrespective of handicap. Matches will play in handicap order based on the combined handicaps of each pair. In the event of equality in handicap the Team Captain may determine the order of play. Team sheets will be submitted to the Match Administrators in advance of the appointed time for the commencement of the match. All teams are expected to have all their players in attendance on the 1st tee in advance of the start time for their match.
- 13 **Fulfilment of the fixture is priority**, Juniors (max 3, not paired together) or Ladies (max 3, not paired together) are able to help make up the 10 players to ensure the match goes ahead. Juniors are defined as under 18 years at 1 January. Whilst the EDGL is a mens competition, if a team is short of players, then ladies can be selected to play. Ladies will play off the red tees, maximum "Course Handicap" of 18.0, before applying the 90%. The mens stroke index will apply.
- 14 If a club cannot provide 10 players for the fixture they are expected to bring as many players as they can so the fixture can be played in some capacity to make it fair for all members of the EDGL. For example, if there were only 7 players, the first 3 pairs would go out, followed by 1 single player. The opposing club will then provide 4 pairs for the match and gain 1 point for the fixture/s not played. **Full withdrawal is a last resort.**
- 15 Point scoring system. Games - Win - one point, Draw - half a point, and Loss is nil points. Bonus points for match wins are as follows. Home Venue team wins - one point, Away Team win against a Home Venue Team - 3 points and a Neutral match win - 2 points. All matches are to be played to a conclusion.

- 16 In the event of course closure the relevant fixture should revert to the scheduled reserve date if this is still available. Otherwise each team involved in the fixture will receive 3.5 league points.
- 17 In the event of a suspension of play due to adverse weather conditions a maximum period of 1½ hours should be allowed to facilitate the resumption of play. In the event of insufficient daylight the Match Administrators shall determine which matches shall resume. If this is still not possible then the result of any match where 12 or more holes have been completed should stand. Any match with less than 12 holes completed will be deemed to be void and carried forward to a reserve date.
- 18 Results should be communicated to the League Chairman by the Match Administrators within 48 hours of the completion of the matches. Team captains are responsible for advising their result to the host club administrator immediately on conclusion of the match. The League Chairman shall maintain a League Table and distribute same after each fixture.
- 19 In the event of the league being tied, the head to head result between the two clubs would decide. If still tied the trophy will be shared and lots would be drawn to determine who represents East Devon in the Devon Champions trophy.
- 20 A match fee of £100 per fixture shall be payable by each Team Captain to the Match Administrators on the day of the match and before the commencement of play. If a team has to cancel a match a minimum of 2 weeks notice must be given, otherwise the team will be responsible for the match fees for both teams.
- 21 The host club will provide food (hosts choice, but minimally sandwiches and chips), for each team on conclusion of their match, unless the hosts choice is to supply a breakfast, in which case this will be prior to the matches. Note that the match fee is payable whether players choose to eat or not. Any dietary requirements must be communicated to the host club prior.
- 22 Team Captains will ensure that all players will observe the dress codes of the host club both on the course and in the clubhouse.
- 23 If a club fails to fulfil a league fixture (walk over) they will be deemed to have lost, and the points awarded in total will be 5 – 0.
- 24 In the event of a club withdrawing from the league before the end of the completion of the league fixtures all points pertaining to matches involving that club shall be nullified.
- 25 The Match Administrators may ask any individual to leave the premises of the host club at any time if they consider such action appropriate. If such action occurs during play then the playing partner of the individual concerned shall complete the match alone.
- 26 In the event of inappropriate behaviour the Team Captains may exclude individuals from participating in the League for such a period as they deem appropriate. Any request for such action shall be made to the League Chairman who will consult with all Team Captains, by email, telephone or other means.
- 27 The use of a buggy by a player (not including playing partner) will be at the discretion of the host club in line with their normal rules. Such use will be subject to the

provision of a medical certificate or doctor's letter being submitted to the host club a minimum of 5 days before the date of the fixture.

- 28 The use of distance measuring devices is permitted in league matches, provided these devices meet the criteria set down for use in Devon County competitions.
- 29 There is an Entry Fee of £10 payable by each club competing, which is held by the Chairman for subsidies in the case of cancelled matches. This will be topped up by all clubs at the AGM if required.
- 30 These Rules shall be amended and adopted annually at the Annual General Meeting.

HAMISH MARSHALL TROPHY & EDGL CUP RULES EVEN CLUB NUMBERS

- 1 A Cup competition to be hosted at the venue of the previous seasons League winners.
- 2 The format is Fourball Betterball Stableford played off 85%, each team to provide four pairs (maximum course handicap 18.0). Pairs will be randomly mixed with other clubs and the winner decided by the best cumulative four scores. If in the event of a tie, it should go to the best three scores, then best two scores and finally best one score.* If they still cannot be separated it should then be best back nine, six, three and finally one. *If when we get to the best one score and the teams have multiple pairs with the same score, it should be the score with the best back nine that gets selected.
- 3 The host club will provide at least one non-playing Match Administrator who will act as starter, rules official and results coordinator. Also providers on course spotters if required.
- 4 Any ruling made by the Match Administrators will be final and binding in accordance with these rules.
- 5 The maximum "Course Handicap" allowance will be 18.0
- 6 Players are not restricted to playing only for their home club, but no player may play for more than one club within the league or cup during a season.
- 7 **Fulfilment of the fixture is priority**, Juniors (max 3, not paired together), Seniors or Ladies (max 3, not paired together) are able to help make up the 10 players to ensure the match goes ahead. Juniors are defined as under 18 years at 1 January. Whilst the Hamish Marshall is a mens competition, if a team is short of players, then ladies can be selected to play. Ladies will play off the red tees, maximum "Course Handicap" of 18.0, before applying the 85%. The mens stroke index will apply.
- 8 If a club cannot provide 8 players for the fixture they are expected to bring as many players as they can so the fixture can be played in some capacity to make it fair for all members of the competition. **Full withdrawal is a last resort.**

- 9 In the event of course closure the relevant fixture should revert to a scheduled reserve date if this is still available.
- 10 In the event of a suspension of play due to adverse weather conditions a maximum period of 1½ hours should be allowed to facilitate the resumption of play. In the event of insufficient daylight the Match Administrators shall determine which Four Balls shall resume. If this is still not possible then the result of any where 12 or more holes have been completed should stand. Any result with less than 12 holes completed will be deemed to be void and carried forward to a reserve date.
- 11 Results should be communicated to the League Chairman by the Match Administrators within 48 hours of the completion of the matches. Team captains are responsible for advising their result to the host club administrator immediately on conclusion of the match.
- 12 A match fee of £80 per club shall be payable by each Team Captain to the Match Administrators on the day of the match and before the commencement of play. If a team has to cancel, a minimum of 2 weeks notice must be given, otherwise the team will be responsible for the match fees.
- 13 The host club will provide food (hosts choice, but minimally sandwiches and chips), for each team on conclusion of their match, unless the hosts choice is to supply a breakfast, in which case this will be prior to the matches. Note that the match fee is payable whether players choose to eat or not. Any dietary requirements must be communicated to the host club prior.
- 14 Team Captains will ensure that all players will observe the dress codes of the host club both on the course and in the clubhouse.
- 15 The Match Administrators may ask any individual to leave the premises of the host club at any time if they consider such action appropriate. If such action occurs during play then the playing partner of the individual concerned shall complete the match alone.
- 16 In the event of inappropriate behaviour the Team Captains may exclude individuals from participating in the League for such a period as they deem appropriate. Any request for such action shall be made to the League Chairman who will consult with all Team Captains, by email, telephone or other means.
- 17 The use of a buggy by a player (not including playing partner) will be at the discretion of the host club in line with their normal rules. Such use will be subject to the provision of a medical certificate or doctor's letter being submitted to the host club a minimum of 5 days before the date of the fixture.
- 18 The use of distance measuring devices is permitted in league matches, provided these devices meet the criteria set down for use in Devon County competitions.
- 19 These Rules shall be amended and adopted annually at the Annual General Meeting.

Jamie Broom

League Chairman

Amended to remove reference to "Seniors"

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