



B.C.L.G.A.

**WINTER MATCH PLAY LEAGUE RULES
2017-2018**

1. The Competition shall be played according to the BCLGA "Competition Conditions and Regulations"
2. The League shall be called the Buckinghamshire County Winter Match Play League.
3. League membership shall be open to all Clubs affiliated to the County Association. The Executive Committee shall determine the entry fee.
4. Players must be members of Clubs affiliated to the County Association
5. The Management of the League shall be vested in the Organiser appointed by the Executive Committee. Any dispute must be put in writing to the Organiser, who may refer to the Executive Committee for a decision.
6. In accordance with the Note to Rule 8 of the Rules of Golf, each team may appoint one person as a Team Captain who may give Advice to the members of the team. The Team Captain cannot be a professional golfer, or a player or caddie in the current round of the competition. Such person must be identified to the opposing team before giving advice.
7. The Home Club must offer the opponents at least three dates falling within the time period allocated for the round. The three dates offered are to cover both weekend and weekday dates.
8. The following rules shall govern play:-
 - a) A team shall consist of 6 players (3 pairs).
 - b) All matches shall be played off scratch.
 - c) All matches shall be played as a Greensome Foursome.
 - d) Players may be played in any order regardless of handicap.
 - d) Players and pairings may be altered for each match.
 - e) A player may represent one Club only in any one season.
 - f) A game that is All Square after 18 holes shall be halved.
 - g) Points will be awarded for individual games as follows:- Win – 2 points, Halved – 1 point, Loss – 0 points.

9. All matches shall be completed between October and March; the actual dates to be decided by the Executive Committee.
10. If a match has to be postponed due to bad weather an extension to the time period may be given on consultation with the Organizer.
11. If a match has to be stopped before a conclusion due to course closure or thunder and lightning or it is considered by both teams that the conditions are dangerous e.g. strong gales or extreme fog, then the match may be stopped. (With regard to fog as a general rule players should not play if visibility is reduced to a point where they are unable to see their ball land). Matches cannot be stopped for any other reason – e.g. too hot, cold or wet. If the match cannot be continued on the day either :-
 - a) If all players have played nine holes, the result of the matches will be deemed to be as at the point of suspension, the result being recorded as no. of holes up or down.
 - b) If all players have not completed nine holes then the match be abandoned and re-arranged on a new date, if necessary with a new team. In the event of a match having to be rescheduled an extension to the time period may be given on consultation with the organizer.
12. The Captain of the HOME team must notify the Organiser of the result within 48 hours of completion of the match.
13. Walk overs should only be given, or accepted, in exceptional circumstances and only after consultation with the Organizer. The Organizer may grant an extension to the time period allocated for the Round in order to facilitate the match being played. If a walk-over is given by a Club they shall be placed at the bottom of the Division and all matches involving that Club shall be deemed null and void, with any points having been scored discarded.
14. When entries for the League necessitate the formation of Divisions, the Organizer shall arrange the Divisions as deemed appropriate, subject to the following provisions:-
 - a) Maximum of 7 Clubs in any Division.
 - b) Organizer to decide numbers for promotion and relegation between Divisions. In order to even out the number of clubs in each Division promotions/demotions will be finalised only when the entrants for the following year are known.
 - c) Clubs remaining in same Division to alternate home and away fixtures if possible.
15. The teams recording the highest number of points in their Division shall be the winner of that Division. In the case of a tie in the Premier Division, a final shall be played on a neutral course to determine the League Champions. In all other

Divisions where two teams have equal points, the team with the highest number of individual wins shall take preference. If still equal there will be a countback on the total from all the matches played of number of holes won minus holes lost.

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