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#### **RULES GOVERNING THE LEAGUE**

##### **1 NAME**

The league shall be called “The Derbyshire Golf League” (DGL) – It is an autonomous body governed by its own rules and constitution.

##### **2 MEMBERSHIP**

Any club affiliated to the DUGC may apply for membership of the DGL, in writing to the Secretary at least 21 days prior to the AGM.

Any club joining will start in the lowest division.

Any club wishing to leave the league may not do so during the playing season.

Resignations must be in writing to the Secretary.

##### **3 PLAYERS**

Players must be a member of the Club by 1<sup>st</sup> April and can only play for one club in any one year.

In the event that a club has 2 teams in the league the following rules covering player eligibility shall apply:-The club must nominate 7 players who will only be able to play for the team in the higher division or for the team designated as the 1st team if 2 teams are in the same Division. These players should be the lowest handicap players and their names must be submitted in writing to the league secretary prior to the first game of the season, this team will be known as the first team.

Players who are not nominated for the first team may play for the first team or second team.

##### **4 SUBSCRIPTIONS**

All member clubs are required to pay the annual subscription to the DGL, on or before 1<sup>st</sup> April in the year.

The amount due will be set by the Committee and is subject to approval at the AGM.

##### **5 OFFICERS**

The Officers shall be:

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| a. Chairman  | these are honorary posts. |
| b. Treasurer |                           |
| c. Secretary |                           |

## 6 COMMITTEE

The Committee shall comprise of:

- a. The Officers (as defined in rule 5)
- b. A representative from each of the Divisions.

All Committee members are subject to re-election at the AGM.

## 7 COMMITTEE POWERS

The Committee is empowered to:

- a. Issue the fixtures,
- b. Fix conditions of play, subscriptions (subject to AGM approval) and entrance fees.
- c. To consider and decide upon any matters relating to alleged disciplinary infringements or disputes between member clubs .Its Decision therein shall be final but shall not be made unless the infringing or disputing party has been given a reasonable opportunity of being heard and/or making representations.( refer to rule 15 also )

## 8 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM shall be held no later than 31<sup>st</sup> December in any year.

## 9 RULES OF PLAY

- a) The league will consist of several divisions depending on the number of member clubs.
- b) Each club will field a team of 5 players for each match.The team must be fielded in EXACT HANDICAP ORDER. In the event of 2 or more players having the same exact handicap the Captain shall exercise his discretion as to the order.
- c) Each match will consist of 5 games, off scratch. Extra holes will not be played.
- d) Ten points are available in each match (2 points for a win, 1 point for a half, etc.)
- e) Each match **MUST** be played on the day set out in the fixtures and will normally start between 5:30p.m. and 6:30p.m. All players should be present at the stipulated time and all matches should commence within 30 minutes of the agreed time. All matches should start at the first tee unless otherwise agreed by the respective captains.

- f) It is requested that the home side provide adequate refreshments for their visitors, however this is not a mandatory requirement due to the possibility that catering facilities may not be available on the day of the match.
- g) The date of the match may only be changed if all of the following conditions are satisfied :
  - i. It is impossible due to a major competition at the HOME CLUB to secure the necessary tee times.  
NB: THE COMPETITION MUST BE AT THE HOME CLUB.  
AND
  - ii. The Secretary is advised in writing, by the Captain of the home side of the change of date, having already agreed an Alternative date with the opposing Captain which must be either the Saturday / Sunday preceding or the Tuesday or Wednesday following the Monday fixture  
AND
  - iii. The Secretary must receive notice of the change of date NO LATER than 1<sup>st</sup> April in the year.
- h) The exceptions to rule g) are- in the event of a home course being closed due to adverse weather conditions.  
In this case the match should be rescheduled to another mutually agreed Monday evening.
- i) If 2 teams from the same club are in the same division then the first match will be against one another.

## 10 RESULTS

It is the responsibility of both team Captains to complete and return the results to the Secretary WITHIN TWO DAYS of the match. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of points.

An ORDER of MERIT prize for the best individual results for each division will be collated from the results of each match and a prize will be awarded at the end of the season, it is therefore important that full match results are returned on the form provided.

## 11 PROMOTION/RELEGATION

- a) The general rule will be two up / two down from / to each division, although this may be varied depending upon the number of teams in the league.
- b) In the event of a tie for any Title / Promotion / Relegation issue the following rules will apply to separate the teams :

If 2 teams are involved they will play home and away all matches will play 18 holes so in the event of a tie on points holes up will decide the winner .and both matches must be played by 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. If more than 2 teams are involved in a play off will be arranged by the Secretary

**c) Teams who fail to complete more than 2 of their fixtures will be referred to the League Executive Committee who will decide on a suitable punishment ( this may mean that they are relegated by more than 1 division. )**

**12 END OF SEASON MEETING**

The Winning team captains and Order of Merit winners will be invited to play in the Derbyshire Union County player's end of season meeting where mementoes to the winning team and Order of Merit prizes will be presented.

**13 GENTLEMANLY CONDUCT**

All members of the clubs are reminded that the highest standard of etiquette is demanded at all times.

**14 ALTERATION OF RULES**

These rules may only be altered at the AGM.

**15 PROCEDURE FOR DISPUTES**

All disputes must be reported to the Secretary in writing, who will refer to the Chairman for a ruling, if this ruling is still disputed the matter will be referred to the Committee (Committee members are not allowed to vote on any matter that involves their team).

The decision of the Committee is final and there is no further appeal process. The Committee also has the power to deliver an appropriate penalty.

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