

Winter League Competition 2019/20 For Paid Up Members of the Seniors

Rules Based on 12 Holes Stableford

Players will be divided into a number of divisions depending on the number of entrants and their handicaps. Once you are allocated to a division you will remain in that division for the rest of the tournament.

This year we are running a Winter League just for our members (who have paid £10 and joined our group) of the Seniors and there will only be one day on which the Winter League will be played. The day selected for the Winter League is a Thursday starting on the 24th October (Thursday 10th October is the Eric Mayer Trophy and the 17th is the Christmas Cheer) and ending on the 19th March (Thursday 26th March is the Seniors' Stableford).

There will be a £5:00 competition entry fee that will cover all of the 22 weeks and your £5 should be paid to Brian Freeman or to any member of your Seniors' Committee. All money taken will be paid back in prizes. Prizes will go to 1st to 4th in each division subject to the size of prize fund. Only scores achieved after, or on the day, the competition entry fee has been paid will be counted.

The handicap system will be the same as for the old Winter League. There will be a buffer zone for points between 22 and 26 points and any scores more than this will have their handicap reduced on a sliding scale as listed below.

Your handicap can be reduced infinitely but can never increase by more than 4 shots from your original Club handicap.

The system is designed so that all players will be able to immediately work out their own handicap after completion of their round and be ready for the start of the next week.

The first games of the competition everyone will use their club (whole) playing handicap. Once your Stableford score has been submitted for the Thursday then the points scored will be reflected in the following week's handicap. Handicaps will be adjusted weekly both up and down but not exceeding 32 for men and your personal handicap can never increase by more than 4 shots above your starting handicap. Conversely, there is no cap applied when reducing your handicap

Adjustments will be made on the following basis: -

Scores

- 29+ points cut 3 shots
- 28 points cut 2 shots
- 27 points cut 1 shot
- 26 points no change
- 25 points no change
- 24 points no change
- 23 points no change
- 22 points no change
- 21 and below 1 shot gained

You will be notified of your weekly handicap, weekly results and league tables by email as soon as possible after the results have been collated.

The tournament will be over 22 weeks and your 15 best scores will count for league placings. The league is based on allocating 12 points for a win 10 points for a second then 9,8,7 down to 10th place thereafter everyone who enters a card will be awarded 1 point for entering a card.

There will be no countback on individual weekly scores and so players with the same Stableford points will be given the same placing and therefore equal points.

To add extra incentive, should anyone achieve 7 wins they will receive an additional bonus point for each further win.

Course closure. The course will be deemed closed for the whole day for the purpose of the Winter League if the result of the notional 10.30am inspection by the Greens Team declares it is closed. This will apply even if a further inspection is planned or in the rare event that the course reopens at a later time during the day.

Fog. When fog/poor visibility prevents play from commencing, the course will be deemed closed for the whole day for the purpose of the Winter League if play has not been sanctioned by a representative of TPGC by 10.30am. This will apply even if play is allowed to take place at a later time during the day.

Limited Holes Open

At the start of normal course opening, should there be limited holes open (less than our prescribed 12 holes) then 2 points will be allocated for each closed hole. In the event that more holes are open during the course of the day then these will not be included for scoring and the initial limited holes open will apply.

T&Cs. The organisers reserve the right to amend or alter the rules of scoring during the course of the competition, this will only be done in extreme circumstances should the competition seem not to be working fairly. All disputes will be decided upon by the organisers and their decision will be final. The organisers also reserve the right to amend or alter the general rules of the competition.

For the purpose of the competition the blue tees will be used and all pars will be as on the card irrespective of the teeing ground. An example would be the 3rd hole, if the tee is moved up to the Winter tee then for consistency the par will remain as a par 4. This might on the odd occasion give an advantage to some but it should average out over 22 weeks and after all it is an outdoor sport.

Normal golf rules will apply for example you must put out and you cannot mark your own scorecard, under no circumstances will "gimme's" be allowed.

Scorecards must preferably be handed to Paul Burch or in his absence, any other Committee Member, on the Thursday of play. Alternatively you scan or photograph your card and email it to Paul at paulandrewburch@sky.com or for the technically challenged, you may push your card through Paul's letterbox at 3 Milehouse Lane Wolstanton ST5 9JR. However, your score must be with to Paul on the Thursday that you played.

The player and the marker must sign scorecards. The scorecard must bear the player's name and correct handicap for the date of the round. Failure to do so will result in the card being disqualified.

Winter course rules for the competition (to be applied in addition to TPGC winter rules)

From the 1st November 2019 Winter Rules

The Winter League Rules are in line with TPGC winter rules see link below, in its simplest form you can lift clean and place within 6 inches on the fairway (general area cut to fairway height) or in the rough (general area not cut to fairway height) lift clean and place in the same spot.

<https://www.trenthamparkgolfclub.com/page.aspx?pid=53611> .

Frozen bunkers and bunkers "out of play". Lift out of bunker and place at the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole with no penalty.

Any roped areas to be treated as per local rule for power lines.

