

**Midlands South Region Second Team League Rules**  
**Updated April 2022**

The Midlands South Region Second Team League includes the counties of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire, Warwickshire, and Worcestershire & Herefordshire.

**Administration of the League**

The league will be administered on a rotational basis:

2019 Northamptonshire  
2020 ~~Worcestershire & Herefordshire~~ COVID-19  
2021 Worcestershire & Herefordshire  
2022 Oxfordshire  
2023 Warwickshire  
2024 Buckinghamshire  
2025 Berkshire  
2026 Northamptonshire

**Disputes**

It is expected that 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captains will address issues in real time and resolve any dispute together at the time it arises. If resolution is not possible, either 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Captain involved in the dispute may call a 'Resolution Meeting' of other counties so a decision can be made on the matter. The Resolution Meeting may be by email, Zoom (or similar), by phone or in person; whatever is most convenient for a quick resolution.

At least four counties, in addition to those involved in the matter, must be present in the Resolution Meeting. At least 4 counties must agree to the resolution.

**Format of 2<sup>nd</sup> Team League**

The six counties will be split geographically into two sub-divisions:

Division 1: Northamptonshire, Warwickshire, and Worcestershire & Herefordshire  
Division 2: Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, and Oxfordshire

Each County in the sub-division will play two league matches in their region; one home and one away.

The Final will be hosted by the League Administrator County and all matches will be played on one day, ideally with a 2 Tee start to complete matches altogether, in good time.

The winner in each sub-division will play a final for first place (Foursomes and Singles)  
Second place in each sub-division will play for 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Singles only)  
Third place in each sub-division will play for 5<sup>th</sup> place (Singles only)

## **Hosting of Sub-Division League Matches for 2022 (thereafter on a rotating basis)**

### **North 2022**

Worcestershire & Herefordshire (A) v Warwickshire (H)  
Northamptonshire (A) V Worcestershire & Herefordshire (H)  
Warwickshire (A) V Northamptonshire (H)

### **South 2022**

Berkshire (A) v Oxfordshire (H)  
Oxfordshire (A) v Buckinghamshire (H)  
Buckinghamshire (A) v Berkshire (H)

## **Hosting of Final**

The League Administrator County is responsible for arranging a date and venue for the league final. This should be confirmed to the second team captains as soon as possible; preferably at the start of the year.

The final will be played in August or September (avoiding county finals). The winners will be presented with the League Trophy on the day of the final.

The League administrator County will be responsible for any venue costs. Each participating county is responsible for the cost of refreshments provided for their players.

All counties are respectfully asked to be present at the final prize giving

## **Format of Play for Sub-division Matches**

A total of 9 tee times will be needed: 3 foursomes matches in the morning and 6 singles matches in the afternoon.

Each county may name a squad of up to 8 players

Play for singles matches must be in exact handicap index order (to the decimal place). In the event that handicaps are identical, that team's Captain may decide the order of her players.

All matches are played from the ladies red tees

The away team has the honour on the first tee

Caddies are permitted for all players in all matches.

The host County will be responsible for any venue costs. Each participating County is responsible for the cost of refreshments provided for their players.

### **Format of Play for the Final**

A total of 21 tee times will be needed: 3 (foursomes) in the morning and 18 (singles) in the afternoon. If possible, a 2 T start in the afternoon so all matches finish together, in good time.

Each county may name a squad of up to 8 players

In the event of the host county qualifying for the first place Final, no more than 2 home club players may be selected in their squad

Singles matches must be played in exact handicap index order (to the decimal place). In the event that handicaps are identical, that team's Captain may decide the order of her players.

All matches are played from the ladies red tees

Caddies are permitted for all players in all matches.

The northern county has the honour on the first tee if the final is played in the south, and vice-versa if played in the north

### **Results**

A win (or walkover) will record 1 game point and a half will record a ½ game point.

If a player fails to arrive on the tee within 15 minutes of the time allotted for her match, then that player will lose the first hole. If she fails to arrive on the tee within 30 minutes of the time allotted for her match, then that player will forfeit her match and a walk-over will be recorded to her opponent. However, every opportunity should be granted to allow play to take place at the discretion of the opposing captains i.e. allowance for travel difficulties.

Halved matches are allowed - a match does not have to be played to a finish.

The results of the league matches should be agreed at the end of the day's play and the winning captain must then send the result (matches including holes up/down) to the league administrator as soon as possible following the match.

- If travel/weather is a factor it will be acceptable to play the morning matches over 9 holes; or if only one round is feasible then the scores over 18 holes will be deemed to be the result.

### **In Event of Suspension of play due to Weather**

- In the event of bad weather occurring during a match and play being unable to be continued later in the day, the current score of any match that has gone through the 9th hole shall be deemed a result and all the other matches will be deemed as halves.
- If play is halted and then resumed and there is insufficient time to complete all the matches, then singles matches take priority.

- If no play is possible due to weather conditions or course closure, then the match will be rearranged and the administrator informed.

### **Match Conceded Due to Illness/Injury**

If a player is unable to continue play due to illness or injury, the result will be calculated on the holes won. For instance, Player A was 3 holes up on the 13<sup>th</sup> and is taken ill/ injured on the 14<sup>th</sup>, Player B would win the match with a winning margin of 2 as it would take Player B 3 holes to draw level with 2 holes left to play.

If the calculation is not possible because a player falls ill/ injured during the first few holes and/or the winning margin is greater than 7/6 when calculated, then maximum winning margin would be 7/6.

### **Scoring and Tied Matches:**

#### **Subdivision Matches**

The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each subdivision will be decided by match points. In the event of a tie of match points, the order will be determined by game points won between the tied counties.

If there is still no difference between the tied counties, the order will be decided by the toss of a coin.

#### **Finals Matches:**

The winning County has the highest number of match points. In the event of a tie in match points, the result will be determined by using the total number of game points won.

If there is still no clear winner in the final the title will be shared.

### **Eligibility**

Players are eligible to play for the second team providing they have won less than 6 points at previous county match weeks or not played in a 1<sup>st</sup> team county match week for 3 years. E.g. If a player played in 2016, then did not play during 2017, 2018, 2019 CMW the player may play for the second team in 2020.

### **County Associated membership**

A player must be a full member of the county association they are representing.

### **GPS/ Laser devices**

Only Distance measuring devices are allowed