

Winter League Competition 2020/21 For Paid Up Members of the Seniors

Rules Based on 12 (1 to 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.

The Winter League is just for our members (who have paid £10 and joined our group) of the Seniors and there will only be one day by which the Winter League will be governed (**"the designated day"**). The **"designated day"** selected for the Winter League is a Thursday. The competition will begin week commencing the 19th October 2020 and ending at the end of the week commencing the 15th March 2021. The organisers reserve the right to sanction play on a non-designated day should the circumstances demand and extra dates are required due to days lost to weather etc.

Entrants who cannot play on the designated day may choose another day of the week (Monday to Friday) on which to play. Once a player has chosen that day it will be his day of play for the whole of the competition.

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 for placings in each division will be 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 handicapping system will be as indicated on the sliding scale 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 (max 28). When your first stableford score has been submitted the points scored will be reflected in your handicap for the following week. 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. Weekly handicaps will be displayed on the TPGC website and you are advised to check.

Adjustments will be made on the following basis: -

Scores

29+ points cut 4 shots
28 points cut 3 shots
27 points cut 2 shots
26 points cut 1 shot
25 points no change
24 points no change
23 points no change
22 points no change
21 to 13 1 shot gained
12 and below 2 shots gained

The results will be posted on the website as soon as possible after all results have been collated.

The tournament will be over 22 weeks and your best 12 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 10 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 at 8am 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. If the course is declared closed on a Thursday at 8am, then for the purpose of the competition, it is deemed closed for the whole week.

Fog. The rules of TPGC regarding delay for fog are vague. The Club will retain early tee times in the order they were booked upon the course opening, unless there is a "significant delay". What significant is, no-one has said. If the delay is significant early tee times will not be protected. In order to simplify matter a cut off time of 9am will be used.

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 9am. This will apply even if play is allowed to take place at a later time during the day. If the course is declared closed on a Thursday at 9am, then for the purpose of the competition, it is deemed closed for the whole week.

Notwithstanding the cut off time, If any player loses his tee time on a Thursday due to fog, the competition for that week will be deemed cancelled.

Limited Holes Open (designated days)

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 become open during the course of the day the means of scoring will remain as at the opening of play i.e. actual scores on the holes originally open plus 2 points for each hole originally closed. Please mark closed holes as "Closed".

Limited Holes Open (Non designated days)

In the event of anyone playing on an alternative day to the designated day, should there be limited holes open (less than our prescribed 12 holes) then 2 points will be allocated for each closed hole. However, if on the designated day more holes are open, only the points scored over the limited open holes on the non-designated day will be entered for the competition. Please mark closed holes as "Closed".

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.

Applications to play from forward tees and play the green/blue or the green course will be considered on their merits. If agreed, players playing off a forward tee will have his handicap adjusted accordingly.

Normal golf rules will apply e.g. you must put out and under no circumstances will “gimmie’s” be allowed. Whilst playing under conditions enforced upon us by the pandemic, you may mark your own scorecard and verify your score with your playing partners.

Scorecards (using Google forms) must be transmitted to Barry Hubberts before midnight on the day of play. There is a helpful video on completing the form on the TPGC website in the Seniors’ section.

Score information must bear the player’s name, the correct handicap for the date of the round and the scores (holes and total points) for the round. Failure to do so will (subject to the discretion of the organisers) result in the score being disqualified.

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

From the 1st November 2020 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 drop at the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole with no penalty.

During this period due to inconsistency and quality of bunkers you may if you wish rake the bunker where your ball lies prior to playing your shot and place it back in the same position without penalty. We must stress on leaving the bunker you should re-rake the bunker to leave it in a good condition.

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