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INTER CLUB REPORT

Good Morning Ladies

I would like to be reporting that the divisions have worked well this year and that the finals are under way but sadly as we were unable to hold the Championships I can’t!! But it doesn’t mean we haven’t been busy preparing for next year. So, let’s now look forward to the 2021 season.

For next year the rules have largely remained the same but with a couple of slight changes.

Firstly, clubs may now enter 2 teams in ANY league regardless of how many 7 player teams they have. But remember players CANNOT be interchanged between teams in the same league, even if they are in different divisions.

Just as a reminder you can arrange matches in Scratch, A, B and White Rose (WR) leagues at the weekend so long as this is agreed by both Captains. Likewise, Weekend League (W/L) matches can be arranged any weekday evening, again it has to be acceptable to both Captains.

Handicap Index Limits (HI).

The next slight change is in the A league Handicap Index (HI) allowance, this is a maximum of 27.4. The Scratch, B, W/R and W/L upper limit is 36.4 HI with B teams lower limit of 18.5. As usual this will be monitored during the year taking into account the introduction of the World Handicapping System.

 I have had a couple of enquiries about the format of the White Rose league. This is a 5-player league open to all clubs with players HI up to a maximum 36.4. It is ideal for those clubs who have a wide range of HI players but maybe can’t field a team in the A or B leagues because of HI limits. It’s also a good opportunity for those clubs with fewer playing ladies to be able to take part in a match play championship. For the clubs who are fortunate enough to have a lot of lady members it is an opportunity to enter another team. Also remember there will be a finals day for the W/R next year with the top 4 clubs competing for the honour of being the W/R Champions.

(Dore and Totley Monday 6 September)

Draws for 2021.

As you will be aware, the draws will be done on a localised basis as much as possible. Whilst we all hope restrictions surrounding Covid 19 will be eased or even lifted by the start of next year’s season none of us know. Therefore, our decisions have had to be based on what we have now. As we know we should only share a vehicle with people from our own household or social bubble. We felt this might restrict many ladies from travelling significant distances.

As well as the travel we have to be aware that there may be localised lockdowns so by trying to avoid mixing areas up so much if they do occur hopefully, we can avoid too much disruption to matches.

But please remember if your club is geographically quite a distance from other clubs in your league or division, I’m afraid travel will be inevitable so please bear this in mind when entering teams.

Divisions.

We have been sent a query asking if, due to the Covid19 restrictions and localised draw, the scratch teams will still be in 2 divisions. The divisions for 2021 will remain the same as this year wherever possible but it all depends on the number of entries. The Executive does reserve the right to combine divisions within a league if entries fall below a workable number. I’m afraid we will not know the numbers until all entries have been received.

Handicap Index and Course Handicap (CH)

I reminded you earlier of the HI limits in the different leagues and I will now go over how you convert your HI to a Course Handicap.

So, when you arrive to play your matches, you simply consult the look up table for that course. You find your HI on the table then move across to the right and your CH will be displayed there to a whole number. The process is exactly the same for both Home and Away players. The higher CH player will then receive shots from the lower Course Handicap player. In singles match play this is the full difference. I must stress it is the players’ HI that is the important figure in determining their eligibility to play in a particular league. So, if your CH value is higher than the HI limit for that league that doesn’t matter so long as your HI is within the limits of the league.

Of course, your Captains may do all this for you.

A note for the Captains – the results sheets will have a column for HI and CH which must be filled in.

Can I remind you that the closing date for entries for 2021 is 28 September. Any club returning a late entry WILL be refused entry. All entries are acknowledged via email to the contact email address supplied on the form. I know sometimes emails can be missed so please make sure you check your inbox and spam for the acknowledgement. If the contact details are not yours please pass this message on to the appropriate person. I usually reply within a day or so of receipt.

On another note as many of you are aware my assistant Sheila passed away earlier in the year; she is sadly missed. However, I am pleased to say Linda Bemrose, from Bradley Park Golf Club, has now joined the team. I am sure she will be a great asset to the YLCGA and I look forward to working with her.

Let’s all look forward to the 2021 season and next year at this time I will be able to report on how well things have gone.

Thank you

Marlene Dixon and Linda Bemrose
September 2020