

# **BOLAND LADIES GOLF: LEAGUE RULES 2017**

The competition shall be open to all clubs affiliated to Boland Ladies Golf.

League format & rules will be decided by the Boland Executive and confirmed at the AGM each year. Proposals for any changes can be made by any Lady Captain of a Boland affiliated club at the League Workshop and General meetings.

## **LEAGUE OUTLINE:**

### **1. Pinotage; Merlot; Shiraz**

Three divisions, four players per team, handicaps up to 24.

Concession – a club may include a player with a handicap, which is above the maximum, competing off 24.

Promotion and relegation to apply to each division at the conclusion of all league matches.

### **2. Chenin.**

Four players, handicaps 24 -36.

Any club wishing to take advantage of the concession must advise the Executive (League) Pearl Steyn and the BLG Secretary of their intentions.

## **Format:**

Fourball Betterball Match play

## **Handicap Allowance:**

- Fourball Betterball Match play: each player plays off full handicap and receives strokes in accordance with the stroke index. Lowest nett score wins each hole.

## **Venue:**

Each league team will play home and away matches against the other teams. At home they will provide an official to organize on the day. No green fees are to be charged. Provision of a snack is optional.

## **League Day:**

Thursday and/or Monday– dependent upon reasonable tee times being available..

## **1. GENERAL RULES:**

- 1.1 The competition shall be open to all fully paid up clubs affiliated to Boland Ladies Golf (BLG).
- 1.2 All matches are to be played over 18 holes under the Rules of the R & A Limited and subject to the local rules at the host venue.
- 1.3 The BLG Executive shall be the Tournament Committee. Boland Ladies Golf will appoint a representative who will be responsible for collating results, which will be published after each round of matches and displayed on the web site. It is the responsibility of the Club Captains to appoint a League Secretary who should be the only person to liaise with the BLG League Executive and who must attend the AGM and General meetings
- 1.4 BLG reserves the right to determine in which league a club will be permitted to play. A club may opt not to participate.

- 1.5. BLG reserves the right to allow clubs to play as a combined team, subject to annual review.
- 1.6. The BLG Executive shall arrange the dates, tee off times and venues of play each year.
- 1.7. Outside caddies may only be used with the consent of the host club.
- 1.8. There is to be no stopping after nine holes. Grab-and-go applies, and it is the responsibility of each group of players to ensure that they keep up with the players ahead of them.
- 1.9. Artificial Measuring Devices that only measure, or gauge distance are permitted - in accordance with the note to Rule 14-3 of the Rules of Golf. Any other device, measuring slope and more is not permitted. This rule supersedes any Local Rule posted at the host club.
- 1.10. The use of golf carts by spectators is not permitted and spectators are to keep off tees, fairways and greens at all times.
- 1.11. Each club competing in the BLG League shall appoint a League Secretary and advise BLG of their contact details.

## **2. COMPOSITION AND FORMAT OF THE LEAGUES:**

- 2.1. The handicap league up to and including 24 will consist of 3 divisions, with promotion and relegation occurring at the end of each league season. Four players per team with handicaps up to and including 24.
- 2.2. Chenin League will be 1 division. Four players per team. Handicaps 24 and above.
- 2.3. Clubs with more than one team are at liberty to choose any player in any division in accordance with the handicap limits.
- 2.3. Clubs may enter as many teams as they choose within each of the different divisions.

## **3. ORDER OF PLAY:**

- 3.1. All Divisions:
  - 3.1.1 Fourball: Selected players may be paired according to compatibility and they are then to play in strict order of half of their combined handicaps (50% of the combined handicap is rounded up AFTER ranking).

## **4. SELECTION**

- 4.1. Each League secretary of a club will register the team to play in each of the division at the start of the season. This team list will comprise of four players with the two possible reserves for the season (these reserves may be players from another team in a different division). Players however may not play for more than one team, in the same month.
- 4.2. After selection, if a player's handicap is cut due to an instant revision, that player may remain in the team as selected but play off her revised handicap. It is the player's duty to inform the team captains of this handicap revision (this may result in an order of play revision).
- 4.4. Except within the constraints of handicap limits in the various leagues, BLG do not prescribe the selection criteria employed by a club only that selected players/pairings must play in strict order of handicap. This rule also applies when reserves are moved into a team.

## **5. ELIGIBILITY**

- 5.1. A player must have an official handicap. A player is eligible to play for her 'home club' (where she is handicapped).
- 5.2. A player may only play league for one BLG affiliated club during each calendar year. A player who is a member of more than one club may only play league for one of her clubs during a calendar year. If not playing for her home club, she must obtain permission from her Home Club Captain and a copy of this letter must be sent to BLG prior to her playing her first match of the season.
- 5.3. The BLG Executive retains the right to make an exception to Point 5.2 in the event of a residential relocation during the course of the league year.
- 5.4. A player whose home club is in another province, may play league for her BLG affiliated club, provided that she obtains written permission from her home club captain and she has not played league for any other BLG affiliated club during the same calendar year. Once a player obtains such permission she may not represent any other BLG club during the same calendar year.
- 5.5. No player may play for two different teams in the same month.

## **6. TEAM CAPTAINS**

Each competing team shall have a captain whose responsibilities include:

- 6.1. Being present at the match 20 minutes before starting time.
- 6.2. Ensuring that their players are ready to tee off on time, and in their allocated tee times.
- 6.3. Preparing the BLG Result Sheet indicating players' names, handicaps, order of play and exchanging the details on the BLG Result Sheet with their opposing captains upon arrival at the League venue.
- 6.4. Completing, verifying and submitting the BLG Result Sheet to their Club League Secretaries.
- 6.5. Each captain is to provide their league players with a copy of the league rules.

## **7. CONCEDED MATCHES**

- 7.1. All Leagues: When a team lacks its full complement of players, as many players as possible must play. As a courtesy the opposing captains must be informed if it is established that less than the 2 games can be contested.
- 7.2. In the event of a club being unable to field any members of a team BLG reserves the right to withdraw that team from the league and all points from all matches in which they played will become null and void.

## **8. DELAYS AND NON-ARRIVALS**

- 8.1. Better Ball matches: A side may be represented by one partner for all or any part of a match; all partners need not be present. An absent partner may join a match between holes, but not during play of a hole. If neither player arrives at the tee, ready to play, within 5 minutes of their tee time, the penalty is disqualification.

- 8.2. The only acceptable circumstance for players being late would be if they were present at the scene of an accident and provided medical assistance, or was required to give a statement as a witness and otherwise would not have failed to start on time. Being delayed in heavy traffic is not an acceptable circumstance.
- 8.4. However, an acceptable late arrival must not interfere with other teams' allocated times and the delayed match must tee-off behind the league field.
- 8.5. If there is no valid reason for the late arrival of players, that match must be claimed by the opposition, unless the provisions of Point 8.2 above apply. This must be made known before the players concerned tee off.

## **9. TIME OF PLAY**

- 9.1. All league matches are allocated tee times. See Point 8 above for Delays/Non-Arrivals. It is not permissible to delay the tee off times of the next matches by waiting for players to arrive.
- 9.2. The first matches will commence at the times designated in the fixtures. Matches shall keep up with the match ahead.

## **10. ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS**

- 10.1. A match shall be played, unless either the Greenkeeper or Club Manager closes the course. In such an event, BLG League Representative and if possible, the visiting clubs are to be notified at the earliest opportunity.
- 10.2. Bad weather is not of itself a good reason for discontinuing play. If the course becomes unplayable or the weather becomes dangerous, a match may be suspended/curtailed as per Rule 6-8 of the Rules of Golf.
- 10.3. Where matches have been suspended and no further play has been possible on the day of the league fixture, teams captains must provide the BLG League Representative with details of the state of the matches. The Committee will rule on the outcome.

## **11. DISPUTES**

- 11.1. League Secretaries are to draw the attention of their players to Rule 2-5 in the Rules of Golf, which clearly sets out the procedure to be followed if a dispute/claim arises on the course. If a claim is made, once the match has been completed, the players must report the matter to their team captains and every effort should be made to settle the dispute.
- 11.2. If no resolution is possible, the League Result Sheet should be clearly marked "Results subject to claim by xxxxx" and the matter brought to the attention of the BLG Executive Committee. This shall be followed up by the submission of an email or fax report within 24 hours of the completion of the fixtures, setting out the nature and details of the claim. The BLG Executive using the League Results Sheet and any other information gathered by the Tournament Committee will determine the results of the match.

## **12. RESULTS**

- 12.1. At the completion of each match it is the responsibility of each Team Captain to submit the verified BLG Results Sheet to the BLG representative present on the day and to send or email the verified BLG Results Sheets to their League Secretary.

- 12.2. In the absence of a BLG representative on the league day the Club's League Secretary shall submit, by fax or email, the Club's Result Sheets to the BLG League Representative and BLG Secretary by 12h00 noon on the following day.
- 12.3. Should a team not submit results by 17h00 of the day following of the league match; penalties may apply to the total points of that team.
- 12.4 Each match consists of 2 games. Teams will be awarded 2 points for each game won and 1 point for each halved game. If a team wins both games they will be awarded 1 bonus point.

### **13. LEAGUE LOG & TIES:**

- 13.1. The winner of each division shall be the team that scores the highest number of points. In the event of a tie, the winner shall be the team with the highest aggregate of individual matches, i.e. the higher positive difference between games won and games lost. Should there still be a tie; the winner shall be the team with the most matches won. Should there still be a tie, the winner shall be the team with the most matches won between the two teams concerned, and if there is no winner the trophy will be shared.
- 13.2 At the conclusion of the league season promotion and relegation will apply to the Pinotage, Merlot and Shiraz divisions.

### **14. BREACHES**

- 14.1. The Tournament Committee shall address and come to a decision on any breach of these Rules.
- 14.2. The Tournament Committee may defer its decision on any breach of these Rules to the BLG Executive, whose decision shall be final.

In exceptional circumstances, the BLG Executive reserves the right to amend, alter, delete or add to the above Rules at any time. Note: League players should be sensitive to other matches once their match is finished and only continue playing if they do not cause the matches behind to be delayed.

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