

Men's Winter League 2020-21

The organisers of the Winter League are keen to see the league run to a conclusion and has decided to run the league for a further four weeks commencing on Friday 2nd April. It will clearly not be possible to organise the usual Winter League Dinner and in lieu of this it has been decided to provide each member of the league with a meal voucher to the value of £10 and to be used in the Club restaurant once it re-opens.

Revised Competition Format and Rules *(changes in italics)*

1. Format

- 1.1 The Competition will consist of 10 teams each with 13 players. Scores will be based on 9 holes of stableford points each week. *Players may play either nine and may play on any day of the week (The Winter League week starts on a Friday and concludes at 5pm on Thursday).* The best **8** cards in each team will be aggregated to obtain the Team Score.
- 1.2 The winning team each week will be awarded 10 points: second team 9 points down to 10th placed team 1 point. Where two teams have the same aggregate score, the team with the better 8th card will receive the higher point allocation. Where these are tied the 9th card will be used and so on.
- 1.3 *Only 4 weeks play had been completed prior to the current lockdown. It is proposed to resume the winter league on Friday 2nd April and run for a further 4 weeks concluding on Thursday 29th April.*
- 1.4 At the end of the Competition there will be prizes for the team with the total number of points over the weeks played. In the event of a tie the team with most points awarded in the final week will be the winner. The Jim McNulty Trophy and prize will be awarded to the player with the best aggregate points score based on the best **6** cards returned. In the event of there not being play on certain weeks of the Competition; this number will be reduced pro-rata to the number of weeks over which the competition was played. There will also be a prize for the best player in each team with scores calculated on the same basis. Where scores are tied, the highest discarded scores will be used. A player may only win one individual prize.

2. Rules

- 2.1 Players should use the Yellow Tee Markers for their Winter League Card. Players should use their new handicap awarded under the World Handicap System (WHS) rounded to the nearest whole number (.5 is rounded up). There is no need for any further calculation. This will be your Winter League Handicap and will be reduced by 1 stroke for each point over 20 in any week.
- 2.2 The Winter League week will commence on a *Friday* and cards may be taken out from the Professional's Shop in advance of play on any day up to and including Thursday but only one card may be taken out each week. To avoid any confusion a separate card should be taken out for the Winter League, signed by the player on completion of the round and put in the scorebox outside the ladies locker room before 5pm on the Thursday.
- 2.3 Handicap adjustments made in the Winter League will apply to the Pro-Sweep each Saturday and likewise any adjustments made as a result of the Pro-Sweep will apply to the Winter League. Any handicap reductions made outside of the Winter League / Pro-Sweep – for example Society outings, Vets or Alpines will NOT be applied.
- 2.4 Players are responsible for ensuring their correct winter handicaps and team numbers are entered on cards and that cards are properly signed. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
- 2.5 Provided the course is open for play on both Saturday and Sunday, the competition results for that week will stand, regardless of the number of cards returned. If the course is closed on either or both days, the competition for that week will be declared void. A temporary suspension of play due to adverse weather or any other reason, will not be regarded as closure, provided the course is re-opened to competitors on the same day.
- 2.6 Finally any disputes must be made, in writing, to the Match & Handicap Committee, within 7 days. The decision of the Committee shall be final.