

# Seniors Winter Stableford League Rules 2019-20

1. **Entry Fee of £3.00 per player** and must be paid before the Round 1 commences.
2. Dates will be published on the seniors' notice board. **All rounds must be played on the appointed dates** unless otherwise agreed by the Committee.

3. The competition will consist of two parts:

## **Part 1** – One League, Singles

- Singles Stableford
- Substitutes NOT allowed
- Full Handicap Allowance
- League Points = Stableford Points
- 6 rounds but only best 5 scores count
- Rounds Drawn 4 Balls or 3 Balls - Monday 9:00am shot gun start
- The Top 16 players in the league qualify for the **Part 2** knock out Stages

4. **Handicap is Full Allowance.** Active handicaps are required at commencement of first round. It is acknowledged that handicaps may change during the completion of the competition; the individual player must apply any handicap changes to each game.

5. Yellow Tees/Winter Mats to be used.

6. If the course is closed all matches will be void.

If 14 holes or more are available the competition will proceed and each player's score will **be adjusted accordingly to give an equivalent 18 holes score.**

If the course is closed during competition the result will be void and the fixture rearranged.

*Examples:*

14 holes played – 28 points scored, 18 holes equivalent score =  $(28 \times 18) / 14 = 36$  points

14 holes played – 20 points scored, 18 holes equivalent score =  $(20 \times 18) / 14 = 26$  points

15 holes played – 25 points scored, 18 holes equivalent score =  $(25 \times 18) / 15 = 30$  points.

## **7. Substitutes.**

No substitutes are allowed during any part of the competition.

8. The top sixteen players (with the most points) in the league will qualify for knock-out stages.

9. If players finish on equal Total Points the following formulae will be used:

**Countback Criteria** in the event that two or more players achieve the same amount of **Total Points**:

1. Highest Aggregate Stableford Points in their 5 best scoring rounds (Total Points) if a tie still prevails then:
2. Highest Stableford Points in their **discarded round** (Points) if a tie still prevails then:
3. Highest Aggregate Stableford Points in their 4 best scoring rounds (Total Points) if a tie still prevails then:
4. Highest Aggregate Stableford Points in their 3 best scoring rounds (Total Points), etc.

10. If any player who has finished in the top 16 and declares that they will not be able to take part in the in the knock our quarter final stage for any reason then their place in the knock out stages will be taken by the next player in the league i.e. 17<sup>th</sup> position etc.

11. **Part 2** - Knock out Stage, Ranked Pairs

- Stableford Betterball (9/10 Handicap)
- Substitutes NOT allowed
- Ranked Pairs -1<sup>st</sup> with 16<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> with 15<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> with 14<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> with 13<sup>th</sup> etc.

12. During the knock out stages players will have up to a month for each KO round to arrange and play their matches which can be played on any day of the week at any time of the day.

13. If a player fails to “turn up” the single player must complete the match. If both opponents are unavailable the team that has turned up will claim the match.

14. All scorecards should be checked and signed and placed into the competition box on completion of the match on the day of the match. Failure to do so will result in no points being awarded to players with missing scorecards.

15. All disputes arising must be communicated in writing within 24 hours of completion of the match to the Committee.

16. The Winter League Trophy will be awarded to the Grand Final Winners.

# Winter Rules

A ball lying in the rough (but not in a hazard) embedded in its own pitch mark, may be lifted cleaned and **DROPPED** without penalty, as near as possible to where it lay, but not nearer the hole.

A ball lying on a closely mown area through the green (sic; fairway) may be lifted without penalty and cleaned. Before lifting the ball the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball it must be placed on a spot within six inches of, and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay. A player may only lift the ball once (sic; per shot) and it is in play once replaced. Relief may be taken when the player's ball is on the green or temporary green and lies near an aeration hole.

## Roped Off or Staked Areas

Both ropes and stakes are moveable obstructions and therefore can be removed at any time, they don't have to be interfering at all (rule 24-1). It is important that you replace the stakes to the **exact spot** from which you lifted them.

## Waterlogged Bunkers

Rule 25 covers casual water (an abnormal ground condition) in a bunker.

25-1 - Abnormal Ground Conditions

## Interference

Interference by an abnormal ground condition occurs when a ball lies in or touches the condition or when the condition interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing. If the player's ball lies on the putting green, interference also occurs if an abnormal ground condition on the putting green intervenes on his line of putt. Otherwise, intervention on the line of play is not, of itself, interference under this rule.

## Relief

Except when the ball is in a water hazard or a lateral water hazard, a player may take relief from interference by an abnormal ground condition as follows:

**(i) Through the Green:** If the ball lies through the green, the player must lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief. The nearest point of relief must not be in a hazard or on a putting green. When the ball is dropped within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, the ball must first strike a part of the course at a spot that avoids interference by the condition and is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.

**(ii) In a Bunker:** If the ball is in a bunker, the player must lift the ball and drop it either:

**(a)** Without penalty, in accordance with Clause **(i)** above, except that the nearest point of relief must be in the bunker and the ball must be dropped in the bunker or, if complete relief is impossible, as near as possible to the spot where the ball lay, but not nearer the hole, on a part of the course in the bunker that affords maximum available relief from the condition; or

**(b)** Under penalty of one stroke, outside the bunker keeping the point where the ball lay directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind the bunker the ball may be dropped.