



EASTERN PROVINCE GOLF LEAGUE - FORMAT AND RULES

DEFINITION

For the purposes of these rules:

- A match refers to the contest between two club teams.
- A game refers to the contest between individual members of those teams.

1. FORMAT OF EP GOLF LEAGUE

1.1. EP GOLF League shall consist of the following sections:

- Premier League:
 - Eight (8) players with two (2) reserve players. A maximum of two players may be replaced on the day of play.
- First League, Second League, and Handicap Sections:
 - Eight (8) players competing in each section.

Only club tees (normally white tees) shall be used. The ladies may use red tees.

2. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF EP GOLF LEAGUE

2.1 GUIDANCE FOR CLUBS WISHING TO ENTER IN EP GOLF LEAGUE.

Any club wishing to enter a new or additional team, whether already represented in the League, must apply in writing, to the Eastern Province Golf Union before the end of September of each year. EP GOLF reserves the right to determine the entry level of any team that applies to participate in the league.

2.2 VENUES

All venues will be allocated by EP GOLF League Convenor through the office of the Union.

2.3 ABANDONED PLAY – PROCEDURE

In the event of play for the day being abandoned for the day, the result of the matches will be determined as follows:

- If any match has not completed nine holes, the match will be declared a half.
- The result of matches, where more than nine holes have been completed, will be determined by the state of the match when play is discontinued.

2.4 MATCHPLAY CONDITIONS

2.4.1 Premier League

- In the Premier League each team shall consist of eight (8) players and in each foursome, match shall be played in the morning and singles in the afternoon.
- Games will be played in reverse order with the no 1 player at the back of the field.

2.4.2 First and Second League

- The First and Second League will play 18 holes single match play, off a scratch handicap.

2.4.3 Handicap League

- The Handicap Section will be better ball Match Play. The lowest handicap goes down to a nil, and every other player will go down accordingly.



2.4.4 General

- Order of play of teams + 2 reserves (both singles and foursomes) is to be advised to the League Convenor by the Tuesday evening preceding the match.
- Late adjustments because of replacements must be amended within 5 minutes of the start of play. Such replacements shall not alter the order of play as submitted for a match save for the elevation in the order of the players remaining.
- Failure to comply with the conditions of this clause will result in a penalty against the defaulting side of two holes for each foursome match played.
- The Captains are asked to ensure that as far as possible, the foursome pairings and the singles are played in order of merit. This is to eliminate the practice of sacrificing players, which EP GOLF considers to be contrary to the spirit of the League and detrimental to players achieving their best golfing performances. Captains are however allowed to use their discretion in complying with this request and strict handicap order need not be applied.
- A player who is late for his game will lose the first hole if he is late after 2 minutes if he has arrived ready to play and after five (5) minutes he will lose the match.

2.4.5 League Positions

- Log positions will be determined, firstly based on overall match results with two points being awarded to a team for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a loss.
- Secondly, in the event of a tie-on log points, final league positions will be determined based on total individual game points scored. In this regard, 2 points will be awarded for a foursomes or singles win, one point for a halved game and no points for a loss.

2.4.6 Recording Results

- The results of each match must be sent to EP GOLF League convener, by the captain of the host team, on the Sunday following the match.
- Failure to report the results before Monday 12H00 could result in the forfeiture of the points awarded or a penalty being imposed at the discretion of EP GOLF executive.

2.5 ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS TO REPRESENT CLUBS

- 2.5.1 All members of affiliated clubs who are eligible in terms of their club's constitution to play in that club's championship are eligible to represent their clubs in EP GOLF League.
- 2.5.2 Any League Section players may only represent the club at which he is handicapped. However, if a player wants to play for another club he must complete the form giving him permission to do so. The form must be signed by both clubs permitting him to play for another club.
- 2.5.3 Players may not switch between clubs during the league season, once a player has played for a certain club, that player may ONLY play for that club for the remainder of the season.
- 2.5.4 Players may be promoted or demoted from team to team within the club provided always that on any match day, none of the players currently considered to be amongst the 8 players that make up a higher team may play in a lower team. If a team got 2 teams in one Section a player can only play for 1 of the 2 teams the whole year. He can't switch between the teams.

2.6 PLAYING FEES

- It has been agreed that for all League matches clubs should not charge players a fee.
- Each Player (R80) / Club (R640) must pay the club for Lunch on the day.

2.7 DRESS CODE

- As prescribed in EP GOLF regulations for all events under its jurisdiction or the Dress Code of the club matches are being played at.

2.8 GOLF CARTS

- Players in ALL sections except players younger than 50 years in the Premier Section may use a golf cart.



2.9 STARTERS

- The host club is asked to arrange a starter for the day.

3. EP GOLF LEAGUE FOR ENSUING SEASONS

3.1 COMPOSITION OF THE LEAGUE SECTIONS

- The composition of the League Sections for the ensuing year will be determined by the League positions for the previous year as shown in the final log tables.

3.2 PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

- Promotion and Relegation in all Sections will be automatic with the bottom team of each section being replaced by the top side of the lower division.

4. QUERIES ARISING FROM THESE RULES

EP GOLF is confident that the participating clubs will honour the spirit of the League. If, however, queries or disputes do arise, these should be referred to EP GOLF League Convenor or the Secretary of EP GOLF for adjudication. If need be, the matter will be referred to the EP GOLF Executive. The decision of EP GOLF regarding any query will be final and binding.

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