

Junior League Rules 2024

All matches must be played in accordance with these rules.

Definition of a Junior Golfer:

A junior must be a member of Club that is affiliated to The Glamorgan Golfing Union.

He or she must be under 18 years of age at 0.00 hours on January 1st 2024.

The junior must have a current; not a suspended WHS handicap.

Eligible Clubs:

The Tournament shall be played between Clubs that are affiliated to The Glamorgan Golfing Union in 2024.

Eligibility / Players Who Are Members of More Than One Club:

If a player belongs to more than one Club, he/she must represent his/her home club, for handicapping purposes, as defined by WHS.

However, if his/her home club, for handicapping purposes, has not entered a team in the Glamorgan County Golfing Union Junior League or his/her club is not affiliated he/she can play for the other club. Players must have full eligibility status to represent their clubs and not be serving any ban or suspension at that time of the fixture.

Rules of Golf:

Matches must be played according to the rules of golf, as approved by the Royal and Ancient Rules Limited and the Local Rules and By-Laws of the Club and Course being played.

Electronic DMDs:

Use is subject to home club's local rules.

The use of such devices is allowed for distance measuring only.

N.B. the device must not be able to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play.

It is a breach of rule 4-3 to use or carry such devices and will result in disqualification.

Caddies:

Caddies are not allowed unless prior approval has been obtained from the Junior Committee. Approval is given only in exceptional circumstances and relatives and spectators should not act as forecaddies.

General:

Relatives / spectators must be at least 20 yards clear of players, always.

Breach of Rules:

The Committee adjudicates on any breach of rules that comes to our attention or is reported, in writing. In all cases, the Committee's decision, ratified by the County's Executive Committee, where appropriate, shall be final.

Entering More Than 1 Team:

Clubs are allowed to enter more than 1 team. We will follow the eligibility rules of the Men's League: A player named in Club Team 2 squad can play no more than 2 matches for Club Team 1 or he/she becomes ineligible for Club Team 2. A player in Club Team 3 can only play 2 matches, total, for team 1 and 2 or he/she becomes ineligible for Club Team 3.

All players and handicaps, in each team, must be sent to League Organiser before March 23rd.

Leagues and Divisions:

The Glamorgan Golf Junior Committee shall allocate and divide the Junior Teams into Leagues and Divisions, as appropriate. Teams play home and away against all other clubs in their Division.

Arranging Fixtures:

The date and time of the League matches must be mutually agreed between Clubs' Junior Organisers. Fixtures must be arranged before March 31st and sent to the Junior League Organiser by that date. Failure to do so will result in teams being removed from the Junior League Competition for 2024. PLEASE NOTE: fixtures may be played during the Easter holiday (March 23rd - April 7th) if everything is arranged between clubs in time to allow it.

Duration of League Season:

The League Tournament shall run from March 23rd to September 1st. Matches to be played on a home and away basis. Result to be sent to gcgujuniors@gmail.com - this should be a photograph. Clubs to keep result cards. League tables will be published each week. The Quarter Finals will be played on Sunday Sept 22nd. The Semi Finals will be played on Sunday October 6th. Venues will be arranged by Glamorgan Golf Junior Committee. The Final is to be played at Royal Porthcawl on Thursday October 31st.

Format:

All League matches, area play off matches, Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and the League Final will play match-play golf of 3 foursomes matches.

Men's yellow box card to be used to decide the holes where shots are to be taken.

Boys tee off yellow boxes and girls tee off red boxes. Shot calculation: 50% of combined difference.

Maximum Handicap Index for matches is 24.0. Players above 24.0 may enter but play off 24.0 then calculate (+ or - adjustment) based on course rating of course being played.

Boys use yellow tee ratings and girls use red tee ratings for adjustments.

Players' handicaps shall be adjusted, where appropriate, according to the WHS system in operation at the time. This may mean that a player off 24.0 having a higher adjusted handicap in the match.

However, players off higher than 24.0 must have their handicap reduced to 24.0 and then any adjustment can be applied. Every club should have clear signage displaying Course and Slope Rating for every set of tees. A player will then cross reference his/her Handicap Index with the table to find what their Course Handicap will be.

Where a girl or girls are involved in a match, an additional adjustment has to be applied at the end: If there is a difference in par for the course, off reds and yellows, then this has to be applied after the other other calculations are completed. ie yellow tee par 71 and red tee par 73 means that girls get an additional 2 shots.

Order of play:

1st match is foursomes between lowest combined handicap pairing in each team.

2nd match is foursomes between 2nd lowest combined handicap pairing in each team.

3rd match is foursomes between highest combined handicap pairing in each team.

Team managers to pick the pairings and playing order but the lowest combined of the home team play lowest combined of the away team, 2nd lowest combined play the 2nd lowest combined and the highest combined play highest combined.

Team sheets must be exchanged and agreed before the match commences.

Any changes made, which are not agreed by both team managers, will result in loss of match.

Scoring:

League matches: Teams score 2 points for a win and 1 point for a drawn game.

In the Division Play Offs, Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and Final a straight overall win/loss shall be recorded.

Resolution of Ties:

On completion of the League Tournament, if there is a tie, in any Division, then all matches won will count. If there is still a tie, the result between the tied teams will decide the winner.

In the Quarter finals and Semi Finals, all tied pairs, after 18 holes, will play on until there is a winner.

Match Results:

The winning team organiser must fully complete and submit the result card. This should be photographed and sent, on email, to the Junior League Results Manager within 24 hours.

Team organisers must keep the cards safe until end of the season.

All information must be completed.

Girl Competitors need to be clearly identified.

Failure to Play a Fixture:

Any Team that fails to play a fixture will result in all matches, involving that team, being expunged.

No Match Concessions:

If a team can't make the agreed fixture, for no reason other than they don't have a team, then all their results will be expunged.

Matches postponed because of weather will have to be rearranged without undue delay.

If your team has potential international players then we recommend that this is taken into account, when arranging fixtures.

Matches will not be postponed due to international duty.

Please check dates carefully and contact Wales Golf for confirmation of dates.

East V West Finals Match at Royal Porthcawl:

East Semi-Final winners play West Semi-Final winners in The Final at Royal Porthcawl.

This Final consists of 3 matches and a reserve match.

In the event of a tie, the result of the reserve match will decide the winner. If the result is still a draw, each team captain shall nominate one pair to take part in a sudden death play-off.

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