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Harry Solomon League Conditions 2018

1. General

The following are the Rules and Conditions governing the Harry Solomon League run under the control of the Executive of the Western Province Golf Union (WPGU).

2. Trophy

The Harry Solomon League shall compete for the Harry Solomon Cup. This is a floating trophy presented by JM Logan in memory of the late Harry Solomon who rendered invaluable service to Western Province golf between 1923 and 1956. Teams representing competing Clubs shall compete for the trophy annually.

3. Rules of the Competition

Play shall be strictly in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews. The Local Rules, in effect on the day of play at the venue of each match, shall apply.

4. Team Eligibility

Only Clubs affiliated to the WPGU or invited by the WPGU may compete in the league. Every Club shall be entitled to one team in the League. The Executive may, at its discretion, invite a Club to enter a second team in the League. Clubs authorized to submit two teams will refer to them as Club A and Club B. Clubs must ensure that they have sufficient players (including reserves) to fulfil all match obligations during the season. A player may be promoted from the B team to the A team, but not the other way around. Players may only be promoted as temporary replacements for players in the A side and must return to the B side as soon as the player replaced is again available to play. Should any venue be deemed unsuitable for the playing of League matches, the Executive of the WPGU reserves the right to exclude or remove matches from such a venue.

5. Player Eligibility

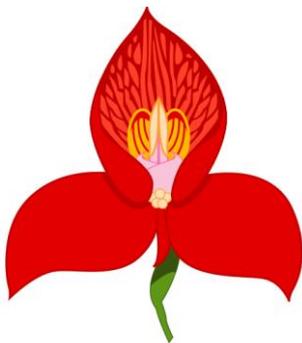
Players must be registered affiliated members of the competing Club and handicapped at that Club. The handicap range for all players competing in the league is 10 to 18, inclusive. A player with a handicap higher than 18 may be selected but must play off 18. No player may play with an open round. Any player suspended from a Club or suspended from the Leagues in terms of the Constitution of the WPGU or League Rules of the WPGU is not eligible to represent any Club during his period of suspension.

6. Team Managers

Team managers are not permitted and no player assistance is permitted.

7. Composition of the League

The league will consist of 18 teams divided into three sections. Each team will play the other teams in their Section. At the conclusion of the sectional matches, the top 2 teams from each section will advance to the knockout stage, including the top 2 points-based teams, not already included in the quarter finals. The teams will be ranked (seeded) 1 to 8. This will be done in the following order: Points, games for, wins, result between the teams and total ups. If teams can still not be separated it will be decided by lot. In the knockout the matches will be determined by seeding. The winners will advance through to the semi-finals etc. The section with 7 teams will be equalised at the end of the round robin by multiplying by 6 and then dividing by 7 to average out against the other sections.



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8. Composition of the Teams

Each team shall consist of 16 players. 8 to play at 'Home' and 8 to play 'Away'.

9. Format of Competition

The format of the competition shall be four-ball better-ball match play played off 75% of a SAGA computed handicap (as per the WPGU Harry Solomon League Handicap Ratios List), with the lowest handicap in a four-ball playing off scratch and the remainder of the four-ball playing off a handicap equal to the difference between the lowest handicap in the four-ball and their handicaps played on the date specified in the WPGU fixture list.

<u>Official H'Cap</u>	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<u>75% H'Cap</u>	8	8	9	10	11	11	12	13	14

10. Scoring

The team winning the most games on the day will be declared the winner of the match. Games that are tied at the end of 18 holes shall not proceed beyond the 18th green, but shall be considered halved games. A team that wins a match outright will be awarded 2 points. If the match is halved each team will be awarded 1 point. Should a course at a venue become unplayable during a match or before a match commences the result at that venue will be a draw, each pair being awarded a halved game. Provided the other venue remains playable, the 4 games played at the other venue shall determine the result.

11. Winner of the League

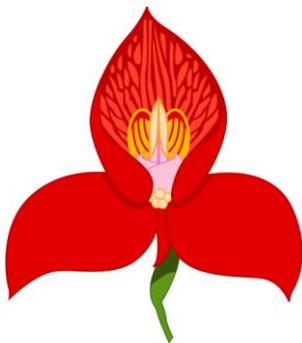
The top 4 teams from each group will move forward to the top 16 event, should there be a tie to determine the places, the team with the best game count will progress. The round of 16, quarter and semi-finals will be played on a home-and-away basis and the final at a venue arranged by the WPGU. In the event of a tie, the winner of the round of 16, quarter-final and semi-final will be the team that had the higher seeding, while in the final, each club will nominate a pair to play-off for the trophy.

12. Promotion & Relegation

N/A

13. Dates & Venues

Dates of matches shall be arranged by the WPGU. Should a Club be unable to play their match on the date arranged by the WPGU that Club may, after consulting with their opponents Club and the WPGU, agree to play their match on an alternate date. Should any venue be deemed unsuitable for the playing of League matches, the Executive of the WPGU reserves the right to exclude or remove matches from such a venue.



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14. Starting Times

In accordance with Rule 6-3a of the Rules of Golf, players will start at the times allocated by the 'Home' Club Committee after consultation with the 'Away' Club. These times may be allocated in either the morning or afternoon field, but both clubs must play at similar times. It is recommended that the starting time for this league is maintained at 12h30. If a player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within 5 minutes after his starting time, he is disqualified from the opening hole. If a player arrives after the additional 5 minutes, he is disqualified from any hole being played and may not play a stroke, but may commence play at any subsequent hole. Should a pair be unable to tee-off at their appointed time, the Club starter may adjust the sequence of starting, provided that the same pairs play each other (i.e. 2 plays 2 and 4 plays 4 etc.) and that this adjustment is approved by the appropriate opposing captain.

15. Submission of Teams

Clubs shall submit their teams, on the prescribed form, by e-mail, to the WPGU by 12h00 on the Tuesday preceding the match. The names shall be submitted in playing order. Substitutions must take the place of the player replaced, no changes to the playing order are allowed

16. Substitution of players

If a player has to be replaced after the draw for a fixture has been distributed, it must be a direct replacement.

17. Submission of Results

The 'Home' Club must notify the WPGU of the result of all matches (home and away) via email by 12h00 on the Monday following the match. Failing such, the WPGU may penalize both teams by deducting 1 point from their accumulated points total on the log. The results at a venue should be provided to the club Captain for announcement at prize giving. If the results are not readily available from the host club, the responsibility for determining the overall result rests with the team Captains.

18. Local rules

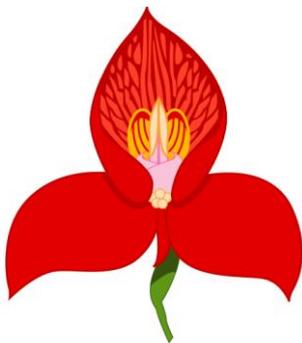
The Local Rules of the Host Club will be the Rules in force on the day of the match.

19. Tees

For Harry Solomon matches, the matches are to start from the 1st tee as there will be handicapping/stroking requirements for the duration of the game.

20. Player Advice

Assistance in the form advice to any player can only be gained from the players own playing partner. Should a team be in breach of this condition, Rule 8.1b of the rules of golf will be applied, Match play - loss of hole; Stroke play – 2 stroke penalty.



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21. Etiquette & Dress Code

The WPGU Executive reserves the right to disqualify a player who incurs a serious breach of etiquette during a Premier League game as per the Rules of Golf (Rule 33-7) and to discipline a player for bad behaviour on the course and any serious breach of etiquette will be severely dealt with in terms of the Constitution. Teams must play in uniform i.e. same shirts and pants. Players failing to adhere to the above dress code will not be allowed on the course.

22. Scorecards & Handicapping

No scorecards are to be submitted and no scores are allowed to be entered for handicapping purposes.

23. Snacks and Drinks

It is recommended that the host Club provide snacks and at least two free drinks per player.

24. Playing Fees

There are no playing fees

25. Reimbursement

N/A

26. Caddies

Players may use only professional caddies employed by the host Club.

27. Distance Measuring Devices

The use of Laser range-finders and GPS locators, or any equivalent equipment is permitted as per the note to Rule 14-3 and provided they conform to Appendix IV (5)-Page 181 of the 2016 Rules of Golf.

28. Motorized Golf Carts

The use of motorized golf carts is permitted with the approval of the host Club. The use of motorbikes is prohibited.

29. Withdrawal

Should a team withdraw or be suspended during the course of the season, all their matches in their section will be null and voided. In terms of comparing for seeding all the teams in the group have be adjusted by the appropriate multiple.

30. Drug Free Sport (Anti-Doping Policy)

All competitors are subject to the provisions of the International Golf Federation's Anti-Doping Policy. Details of the Policy, and the current Prohibited Substances and Methods, are available from the International Golf Federation's website (www.internationalgolffederation.org). Competitors who are taking medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from the South African Golf Association. Random testing may take place. This will include alcohol during the course of play. Breach of condition is disqualification. (Match in Question)



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31. Disputes

The Executive Committee of the WPGU shall appoint a Tournament Committee, and this Committee, whose decision shall be final, will settle all disputes.

32. Changes

The Executive Committee of the WPGU shall have the right to amend, alter, delete or add to the above Rules at any time.

33. Version

This version of the Harry Solomon League Rules supersedes all previous versions and is effective from 1 May 2018.

