

2020 LOCAL RULES – GARDEN KEEPER SCRATCH LEAGUE.

The League is under the jurisdiction of Mpumalanga Golf Union – all teams accepted into the Scratch League will abide by the Local Rules laid down – If not that team will be withdrawn from the League.

1. The team drawn 1st is the home team for the 1st round – the team drawn 2nd is the home team for the 2nd round etc. A team comprises 8 players – foursomes is played in the morning and singles in the afternoon.
2. Teams may only use the official scoresheet for all matches – results must be sent in by the **home league captain** by latest Tuesday after the match to the league convener – 1 point for a win in the matches, and ½ a point for game halved. Clubs are responsible for their stock of the score-sheets, not the Secretary.
3. In the preliminary rounds the count out is as follows: total points in the matches, then total games won and then if still a tie the singles result will count between the teams concerned.
4. Home clubs are responsible for the days catering – early morning tea/coffee and sandwiches plus a light lunch to a value of approx. R70.00 per head.
5. To qualify to play in the league a player must be an affiliated male amateur golfer who is a full member of his home club and is **handicapped there**. The club must be affiliated to the MGU. No player can play for 2 clubs in one season. If your club has a team in the Scratch League you must play for that club. Country members must be handicapped at the club they play scratch league for.
6. Entry fee is **R300.00** per team and must be paid to the Highveld Secretary **before** the start of the league. All Cheque to be made out to **Highveld Golf Association**.
7. The league is played on a match play format – if no play is possible each team gets 1 point in the log. If either the foursomes or singles only can be played that result will stand or, if only 9 holes can be played in either the foursomes or singles that result will stand. If 2 or more matches complete 9 holes in either the foursomes or singles, the remaining matches will be halved and that result will stand.
8. Motorized golf:

A Division & Players on stroke averages list – ALL SENIOR PLAYERS MAY USED CARTS

Motorized carts may be used by a **player – not his caddie – provided a current medical certificate is handed to the opposing team captain. The League Captain handing in the medical certificate must be sure in his mind that his team player is genuinely injured and not just taking advantage. All** league players playing at Bankenveld Golf Club may use golf carts. Bankenveld must supply the carts and the visiting team has first option.

B Division

Motorized Carts may be used except players on the stroke averages for which the above apply.

9. A **green fee of R100.00 per player per day** must be paid over by the visiting teams to the hosting club before play at all venues.
10. **Postponements** will only be granted in extreme cases. Teams not arriving, or cancelling or withdrawing from the league will not be allowed to enter a team in 2020.
11. If a home club cannot host a match due to whatever reason – course not in a good condition; heavy rains; spring treatment etc. – the home captain must switch the match to one of the other team's course with the approval of the other captain's.
12. **No outside caddies may be used without the permission of the home captain.**
13. The local rules at the club where the match is played will be applicable.
14. Distance measuring devices may be used.
15. Any player moving from B division to A division or vice – versa plays that match and then sits out the next round. This applies to a reserve as well.
16. In the knockout stages a host club representative must welcome visiting teams, inform them of play-off arrangements and see them onto the tee.
17. "Player" is defined in the **Mpumalanga Golf Union** constitution
18. All scores must be entered as per World Handicap Manual. Foursomes – No Return, Single scores must be entered

ENJOY THE 2020 LEAGUE – J v Rensburg – League Convener