

Highveld Golf Association

Highveld Nett League 2020

Format and rules

The league for the forthcoming season will be played in a competitive, but social nature by all teams and players involved. Our main focus remains the promotion of golf and fellow clubs, whilst playing by the Rules of golf as approved by GOLFRSA . If GOLFRSA adjusts rules in the forthcoming season, the changes will apply at the time they come into effect.

The league is a Highveld Golf Association competition and by entering it a club acknowledges that they will abide by the Rules of the League.

1) Composition

a) The 2020 league will consist of 2 divisions:

- 1) Nett League (Spring Chickens)
- 2) Senior League (Toppies) – players above 50 on the day of the league match.

Both leagues will have sections with 4 teams in each section, who will play each other on a home and away. The winner of each section will qualify for the play-offs.

b) League captains will be responsible for reading, understanding and abiding by the rules as these form an integral part of governing this league. Circulation of the rules via e-mail will be regarded as confirmed by Captains as received, read and understood. This will also apply to captains standing in on the day.

2) Playing Format

The league format is **FOUR-BALL MATCH PLAY**. The lowest handicap will be reduced to scratch and the rest of the players in the match will reduce their handicaps by the amount of the lowest handicap.

All scores should be entered onto the handicap system as per Handicap Manual.

3) Date of play

- a) Teams can play **BEFORE** the scheduled date but not after the scheduled date. All changes must be confirmed with the League Convener.
- b) If matches are not played, the result will be noted as a 0-0 draw.
- c) Captains must familiarise themselves with the Wet Weather Rules, should a match be affected by inclement weather.

4) Wet Weather rules

- a) If a match cannot be played due to a waterlogged course, the match must be switched to the opposing side's course, the League Convener must be notified.
- b) If both courses are unplayable and the match can't be played before the next round, the result will be a half and both teams will receive 4 points each. This is an exception to rule 2(b).
- c) If a match is rained out and all pairs have completed 9 holes, the result will stand based on the state of each match where it is at that moment on the course.
- d) If a match is rained out before pairs have completed 9 holes, the match will be halved.
- e) Should 1 or more pairs complete 9 holes before a match is rained out, the match will be awarded as per the state of the pairs that have completed 9 or more holes. The other matches that did not reach 9 holes will be halved.
- f) If matches continued further than 9 holes, before rain intervened, the result will be determined based on the state of the match after the last completed hole.
- g) In any other conditions not noted above, the League Convener must be notified of the reason for the match not continuing. The Office Bearers decision will be final and no appeal may be lodged.

5) League Captains

League Captains must be competent and reliable and are entrusted with the following:

- a) The results must be sent to the League Convener not later than Tuesday following the match. If not sent in the home team will forfeit 2 points in the log.
- b) The visiting team captain must phone the host team captain during the week prior to the match to finalize all arrangements.
- c) Verifying player's handicaps.
- d) Assisting with determining player's handicap based on slope rating and tee boxes used for league matches on the day.
- e) Providing Result Sheets for both teams.
- f) Captains to arrange catering arrangements, payable by players themselves.
If the club want to sponsor the catering they are welcome to do so.

6) Hosting Club

- a) The golf courses should be brought into the best possible condition for the league.
- b) Preliminary rounds start at 11h00 – Host Clubs must book and confirm the tee off times. Host Club to appoint a person to welcome visitors and see them onto the tee.
- c) If a course is not available, whatever reason may be (excluding weather), the match must be switched to the opposing side's course, if the course is not available an alternative venue can be sourced by the away captain.
- d) Catering must be available as per Rule 5 f.

7) Details and Conditions of Play

- a) The Tournament will be played in terms of the Rules of Golf as approved by the South African Golf Association and the home club's local rules to apply to the match.
- b) The league is open to all Male Amateurs, who are affiliated members of a club, and have an official SAGA handicap.
- c) A "player" is defined in the Highveld Golf Association constitution.
- d) No league player may play a match with an open round.
- e) Spring Chickens Teams will be made up of 8 players and Toppies teams are made up of 6 players.
- f) Maximum **Course Handicap** is 24
- g) All players must play off the tees designated for the league team for the day, should they be chosen to represent the team.
- h) Players can only represent the club they are handicapped at and can only represent one club in a league season
- i) Motorised golf carts are permitted in all leagues if available, if not you must walk.
- j) Distance measuring devices may be used during the playing of league matches.
- k) Highveld Golf Association reserves the right to disallow any club, team or player to participate in the league without giving a valid reason.
- l) Order of play: the visiting team will tee first, followed by the home team.
On neutral venues in the knock-out stages, a coin flip will decide the order of play.

8) Scoring

- a) Match points will be awarded as follow: 2 points for a win, 1 point for a half and 0 points for a loss.
- b) Game points will be awarded as follow: 2 points for a win, 1 point for a half and 0 points for a loss.
- c) Result sheets must be completed in full and send to the League Convenor not later than the Tuesday following the match date, at 12:00. It can be submitted via email, fax or WhatsApp. (Contact details on the Score Sheet)
- d) Teams can only use the Official Score Sheet.

9) Disciplinary action

- a) Only matches, where players played off an incorrect handicap, and/or where players played with an open round, will be forfeited to the opposing captain, should any of the above incidents occur.
- b) Each player must make sure his/her handicap is correct on the day the league game takes place, in conjunction with their league captain.
- c) Captains and stand-in captains will be held equally responsible should the above-mentioned incidents occur.

10) Log ties

If two or more teams are tied on the final log, the tie will be decided in the following order:

- a) Most match points
- b) Most matches won
- c) Result between 2 teams
- d) Most away match points

11) Withdrawing in the league

Should a team withdraw from the league, the following will apply.

- a) Any match defaulted will be seen as withdrawing from the league
- b) A compulsory fine of R500 will be payable to the Highveld Golf Association by the relative CLUB and will not be subject to appeal.
- c) The results of all games played by the withdrawing team will be declared NULL and Void and opposition teams will receive all points from fixtures scheduled against the offending team.
- d) All future fixtures to be played by the withdrawing team will be cancelled and the opposing team will receive all points
- e) Defaulting teams and players will not be able to enter into the following season.

12) Disqualifications

Should a team be disqualified from the league during the current season;

- a) A compulsory fine of R500 will be payable to the Highveld Golf Association by the relative CLUB and will not be subject to appeal.
- b) The results of all games played by the disqualified team will be declared NULL and Void and opposition teams will receive all points from fixtures scheduled against the offending team.
- c) Future games to be played by the disqualified team will be cancelled and the opposing team will receive all points.

13) Play-Offs

- a) The teams that advance to the Play-offs will play on Neutral Venues as will be confirmed by the league convenor.
- b) Playoff matches will be held on a course used during the round-robin stage of the league. A neutral venue will be determined by the following factors, which are all considered equal factors:
 - 1: Availability of the course.
 - 2: Playability of the course.
 - 3: Average travelling distance for both teams.
- c) If a game is drawn, the winner will be determined by means of a sudden-death play-off as follows:
 - i) Team captains will each nominate a pair, who played together during earlier match, who will play each other on a hole by hole basis, starting on the hole where the game started, until a result is obtained.
 - ii) Nominations may be done once the drawn game has been completed.

14) Final

- a) The final will take place between the winners of Semi Final matches.
- b) The final will be played on the 11th of July 2020.

15) General Information

- a) An entry fee of R300 per team is payable to the Highveld Golf Association. Contact the secretary, Mr Colin Mulligan, for further details.
- b) Green fees are R100.00 per player at all venues.
- c) Details of League Captains must be send to the League Convener latest by 24 January 2020.

16) Results and Disciplinary Actions

- a) Team captains shall attempt to resolve any disputes on the day of the game. In the case that the disputes cannot be resolved, the Team Captains will refer the matter to the Highveld Golf Association Executive Committee, whose decision will be final.

By order of the Highveld Golf Association Executive Committee