

NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK GOLF LEAGUE RULES.

(Amended March 2022).

1. Each club may enter one or two teams. Each team shall consist of 4 pairs. Each team will play a home and away fixture against the other teams. Matches to begin at 4.30 pm.
2. The format for the games shall be foursomes match play using a handicap allowance of 1/2 the difference in combined playing handicaps.
3. A point shall be awarded for each game won and a half point for each game finishing "all square". In addition, there will be a bonus point earned for the team who wins the most overall number of holes.
4. The Captain of the home team shall present his team list to the visiting Captain who will arrange the pairings, although in practise this can be done prior to the arrival of the players if preferred.
5. Players with an active handicap are eligible to play, the maximum Course handicap shall be 21.
6. The minimum age for players in League matches is 16 years on the date of the match. A maximum of two 16-year-olds can play in one team but not together. Penalty - loss of game by the offending side.
7. All Matches **SHOULD** be played and In the case of a match being abandoned: "Unless all five games have passed the 9th hole the match shall be replayed. If all four games have passed the 9th hole, then the result stands as at the time of abandonment." (Bad weather is not of itself a reason to abandon a match unless abandonment due to inclement weather is agreed by both Captains). In the event of a match not being played the team deemed to have honoured the fixture would receive a 3-0 win.
8. If a game cannot continue due to illness or injury of a player, then if 9 holes have not been completed the result will be a half, if more than 9 holes have been completed then the result will stand as at the point the game cannot continue.
9. To keep the pace of play moving the Thursday League uses an R&A rule whereby if a ball is lost, or found to be out of bounds, that a two stroke penalty can be taken instead of stroke and distance. Provisional balls can be used as normal.
10. A player having played for one of his club's teams during the season, cannot play for his club's other team, HOWEVER should a player change clubs he can play for his new club subject to the approval of the league secretary. A player with dual membership may only represent the first club played for that season.
11. Participation in League Matches is restricted to Amateur golfers only.
12. Only players who have played at least once in past and present league programmes are eligible to play in the Tony Daniels Trophy and Millennium Cup, run concurrently.
13. There will be a meal afterwards for all of the players, the cost of which is agreed each AGM. This should be paid even if a player does not stay, unless a good reason is given at least 24 hours prior and at the discretion of the host club. There is no need to change clothes, but it will be assumed that suitable attire will be used in the clubhouse. Many players do carry a change of clothes.