

# Super Seniors Group B Rules

[Revised to following KGSSL Meeting November 2023]

## Precedence of Group B Rules

1. Where Group B Rules differ from KGSSL Rules that the Group B Rules shall take precedence.

## Player Eligibility

2. Clubs may only select players who have a WHS handicap index.
3. There shall be no restriction on the number of times a player aged 70 or over may play in both the over-60s and over-70s matches in the same year.

## Match Rules

4. **Number of Players.**  
Each match will be played between 5 pairs over 18 holes, fourball better-ball match play, played off the yellow tees.
5. **Exchange of Teams.**  
The exchange will be completed by email in advance of the matchday; the home Captain should provide his players & Handicap Indexes (HIs) approximately 48 hrs before the match and the away Captain to email back his players 24 hours before the match and the shots in each fourball to be agreed. It is common practise then for the home Captain to provide scorecards for both sides.  
Both sides HIs are to be reviewed on the morning of the match and amendments made to the cards if necessary.
6. **Handicaps.**  
The maximum Handicap Index (HI) allowance shall be 24. Players with higher handicaps may play but must do so off a maximum HI of 24. The shots in each match will be as defined by EGU rules, with playing handicaps of 90% of the course handicaps and the shots determined from the lowest handicap player.
7. **Match Result.**  
Each match result is to be notified by the home team Captain to the Group Organiser as soon as possible after the match, specifying the numbers of won-halved-lost games.
8. **Points Awarded.**  
Points will be awarded: 4 for an away win, 3 for a home win, 2 for an away half and 1 for a home half.
9. **Playing an Ineligible Player.**  
A side playing an ineligible player shall be treated as having lost the game in which he played.
10. **Player(s) Unable to Continue Playing.**  
In the event of a player being unable through injury or illness to complete a match once started:
  - a. If the affected player is unable to continue but his partner can, the game shall continue with two players against one.
  - b. Neither the affected player nor his partner can continue for whatever reason, the game shall be conceded.

**10. Match Abandonment.**

- a. Where clubs are unable to complete a match and the Captains agree to abandon it rather than replay, no points shall be awarded to either team. However, if this is likely to affect the top of the league position, the match should be replayed.
- b. When one side wishes to replay an abandoned or cancelled match and the other does not, the win points and a 5-0 result will be awarded to the side wishing to replay.

**11. Failure to Field a Team.**

When a side fails to attend on the date previously agreed or otherwise amended by mutual consent, a match score of 5-0 and win points will be awarded to the side present.

**12. Fielding a Team of less than 10 players**

If a side arrives for a match short of one player, five games shall be played with one side playing 1 v 2.

In the unlikely event that a side arrives with eight players, it is left to the discretion of the captain of that team how to arrange his players, so they can choose to forfeit one game rather than playing 1 v 2 in two matches.

**13. Buggies**

Buggies may be used by any player without need for a medical certificate or prior agreement. Buggies may be shared.

Any competitor using a buggy will travel through the course at the speed of the group in which they are playing at all times. It is not permissible to move ahead of the group to prepare for the next shot, or to search for a potentially lost ball, either their own or from within the group, so as to maintain the integrity of the 3-minute rule.

**League Table.**

- 14. In the event of a tie on points at the end of the season, the club that has the better difference between games won and lost, shall be declared the league winner.
- 15. In the unlikely event of there still being a tie, the team with the better Away games record shall be declared the winner.

**Group Jamborees**

- 15. Jamborees will be held each year in September or early October by each club in a defined rotation.
- 16. Jamborees are Better Ball Stapleford competitions played off the yellow tees by 6 pairs.
- 17. Players shall have a maximum Handicap Index (HI) of 24. Players with higher handicaps may play but must do so off a maximum HI of 24. The playing handicaps will be as EGU rules, as 85% of the players course handicap.
- 18. The best five (5) cards to count. In the event of a tie, the 6<sup>th</sup> cards will be added to the totals and if still tied, there will be a count-back on the 6<sup>th</sup> cards.

**Annual General Meeting. (AGM)**

- 19. An AGM will be held each year in October or November by each club in rotation. Up to two representatives from each club may attend. A light lunch and a complimentary round of golf usually follow the AGM.

## **Grand Final**

The Grand Final is played under the Kent Golf Super Seniors League (KGSSL) rules. These currently are:

- 20.** The Grand Final shall be held in the Autumn over eighteen holes Four Ball Better Ball Stableford at venues to be selected by the KGSSL Committee and the cost spread equally between each competing Club.
- 21.** The club that wins our league shall represent Group B in the Grand Final against the winners of the other six leagues at a neutral venue.
- 22.** The Grand Final will be played off 85% of Course Handicaps on a 4-ball better-ball stableford basis off club handicaps up to a maximum of 22-HCI and off yellow tees. Players with a higher handicap may take part but shall play off 22 but with all with the above restrictions.
- 23.** Each team shall consist of five pairs. The highest aggregate points score of the club's five cards, shall be the winner. In the event of a tie, countback rules shall apply. The winning club shall receive the Rochester & Cobham cup and be responsible for its safe custody, engraving and insurance.

## **Annual Knock-out Competition**

- 24.** A Knockout competition will be held each year for entry by any club participating in the League, subject to an Entry Fee and under separate KGSSL Rules established each year.

## **Other Matters**

- 25.** Any disputes or other matters not covered by the foregoing shall be referred to the League Organiser for resolution and whose decision shall be final.