

KENT GOLF SUPER SENIORS LEAGUE

CONSTITUTION (14Nov23)

1. **Name** - The name of the League shall be "Kent Golf Super Seniors League" ("the League").
2. **Object** - The object of the League shall be the promotion of good fellowship fostered by the game of golf.
3. **Officers** - The officers of the League shall be the League Organiser and the Group Organisers, from whom individuals may be elected to serve as Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Webmaster, who will be designated as authorized bank signatories. The management of the League shall be vested in these Officers henceforth referred to as "The Committee".
The appointment of the League and Group Organisers shall be made in the light of nominations made by the constituent clubs and thereafter resolved and ratified by the Committee. The Committee shall meet at least once a year or as necessary to conduct the League's affairs.
4. **Membership** - Membership of the League shall be restricted to golf clubs situated in the county of Kent and its London environs. Playing members of such clubs who are aged 70 or over shall be eligible to participate in the activities of the League. Each club will appoint its own Club Representative to organise its matches and teams. Each Group will hold an annual meeting of Club Representatives chaired by its Group Organiser.
5. **Accounts** - The financial year of the League shall begin on the first day of **November**. The Hon Treasurer shall submit a statement of accounts to the Committee at its annual meeting.
Each year the Committee may set an annual subscription for each participating Club. Any Club failing to pay its subscription before its first fixture date shall be excluded from the League.
6. **Organisation** - The League shall be organised in Groups where possible on a regional basis. Any club wishing to withdraw from its Group, for whatever reason, should give 12 months' notice of its intention. Each Group shall appoint a Group Organiser and a Group Committee. The Group Organiser is responsible for informing all Club Representatives within his Group of the Terms & Conditions (including revisions) contained within the League Constitution.
Voting within a Group will be on a majority basis with each club having one vote and the Group Organiser will have a casting vote. If a Group Organiser is unable to attend a Group or League Meeting he will nominate a replacement. In the former he will inform the Club Representatives and the latter the League Organiser.

RULES

7. **Matches** - Clubs in each Group shall play each other at home and away. All matches are played on a no-green-fee basis. Normally matches will be played in early afternoon following a light lunch paid for by each player. Normally matches shall be played by teams of five pairs over 18 holes on a 4-ball better-ball basis and off yellow tees. Clubs not able to conform to this format shall arrange their matches as agreed by the Club Representatives in the Group and the Group Organiser. Each Group may decide whether to impose a handicap limitation on players participating in inter-club matches.
A Member of more than one club shall play for one club only during the League's competition year.
All players must hold a **WHS Handicap Index** and breach of this will result in disqualification of the playing pair. A side playing an ineligible player shall be treated as having lost the game in which he played.
All captains are advised to verify the date and time with the opposing captain in the week before each match.
Each Group can decide the rules for dealing with a shortfall of players, where no Group rule is in place then if a side arrives for a match short of one or more players, five games must still be played with one side playing one against two where necessary.
In the event of a player being unable through injury or illness to complete a match once started: i/ if the affected player is unable to continue but his partner can - game continues with two players against one; ii/ if neither the affected player nor his partner can continue and less than 9 holes have been played - game should be halved; iii/ if a game cannot be completed and 9 or more holes have been played - result determined by the score at the time of the incident.

Where clubs are unable to complete a match and agree to abandon it rather than replay, no points shall be awarded to either team. When a side fails to attend on the date previously listed (or otherwise amended by mutual consent), the match and win points are conceded to the side present. When one side wishes to replay an abandoned or cancelled match and the other does not, the win points will be allocated to the side wishing to replay. ... the objective remains of course to play or re-play all matches.

8. Scoring - 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. However, individual Groups may if they wish, use an alternative scoring system. The results of matches shall be notified to the relevant Group Organiser.

In the event of a tie on points, the club which prevailed in the aggregate of the matches between the tied clubs (first on points, then on games overall, then on games won) shall be declared the winner. Should this still involve a deadlock, the club with the better overall individual games record (aggregate wins and halves) shall decide the result; if these are equal the highest number of individual games won shall decide; if still equal the better Away games record shall decide, first overall, then on games won, failing which the championship shall be shared. The toss of a coin will then determine which club represents the group in the county final.

Group League winners shall qualify for the Group Winners Grand Final.

9. Buggies

- Any team captain who wishes to include a player who needs a buggy must inform the opposing captain at least one week before the match;
- The player must provide evidence of his need to use a buggy sufficient to satisfy the conditions agreed within his Group and the agreement of both team captains;
- A buggy may not be shared with an able-bodied player or an able-bodied player's equipment;
- The buggy must be booked by the individual player direct with the host club;
- 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.

10. Competitions – The League Organiser shall organise the League's annual Championship competitions. The trophy holders shall arrange for the safe custody, engraving and insurance of the League's trophies. Such trophies shall remain the property of the League.

11. The Grand Final shall be held each year in the autumn over eighteen holes at venues to be decided by the Committee, with the cost spread equally between each competing club. Each club team shall consist of five pairs on a 4-ball better-ball Stableford basis. Play will be off 85% of Course Handicaps based on 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-HCI but with all with the above restrictions. The highest aggregate points of a club's five cards shall be the winner. In the event of a tie, count-back rules shall apply. The winning club shall receive the Rochester & Cobham Cup.

12. A Knock-Out Competition will be held each year for entry by any club participating in the League, subject to an entry fee and separate Rules established each year.

13. Other Matters - Any disputes or other matters not covered by the foregoing shall be referred for resolution to the League Organiser, whose decision shall be final.