



MIDLOTHIAN COUNTY LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION

GREENSOMES TERMS OF COMPETITION

February 2024

Change Descriptions			
Date	Item	Section	Description
Feb24	4	Nominated Club	The Greensomes recorder will request this information via email from all of the Greensomes reps
Oct23	New	Availability of Players	New paragraph added regarding accommodating players who require a buggy
	19	Use of Buggy & Caddy	New paragraph added regarding accommodating players who require a buggy
May23	7	Sections	Renaming of Sections and revision of movement between sections.
Oct22	New	New	Introduction of term on Player(s) retirement and concession
Aug22	All	All	All references to 'Rule' changed to 'Term'
	6	Teams	Clarity re intended 'exceptional circumstances', clubs with two squads & correction of incorrect Term number
	16	Availability of players	Clarity re inability to raise a team
	New	New	Introduction of term on adverse weather conditions
Oct21	15	Matches	Clarity regarding count back procedure
May21	2	Eligibility	Clarification re maximum Handicap Index
	3	Eligibility	Previously item 2. All subsequent items renumbered accordingly
	8	Playing Handicaps	Clarification re calculation of Course Handicap
Apr21	8	Handicap calculation	Local rule adopted to use rounded Course Handicaps
Mar21	5	Participating teams	Date changed from 1 April to 31 March to align with point 3
	8	Handicap calculation	Handicap calculations revised to reflect WHS
	9	Order of play	Handicap references revised to reflect WHS

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Eligibility

1. All categories of membership within MCLGA are eligible to play in their club's Greensomes teams. The Greensomes recorder greensomes@mclga.com, who should be a member of MCLGA, will be appointed biennially.

2. Greensomes matches are competitive and inclusive, open to all Midlothian players who wish to represent their clubs with the emphasis on participation. Players compete in pairs with handicap allocations hopefully ensuring as level a playing field as possible. As per the MCLGA Terms of Competition, those members holding a Handicap Index of 36.1 – 54.0 will be restricted to a Handicap Index of 36.0 for the purposes of competitive play.
3. A player who is a member of more than one Club in MCLGA may play in the Greensomes for one Club and in the 5-a-side matches for another Club. Players who have played, or may play, in the Club's 5-a-side team for that year, may play in the Greensomes but priority should be given to those who are unlikely to do so.
4. A member can only play for one club in the Greensomes matches. Any member who is a member of more than one participating club must choose which Club they will play for by 31st March. The Greensomes recorder will request this information via email from all of the Greensomes reps, soon after membership renewal closes.

Teams

5. Clubs may have one or two participating teams. Any club, which has not previously participated, wishing to enter a team or any club which wishes to enter a second team or any club which has had two teams playing but wishes to reduce to one, must advise the Greensomes recorder greensomes@mclga.com or any office bearer accordingly, by the first Friday in October of the year prior to the competition starting.
6. Where a club has two participating teams, each team shall play in a different Section and the Club's Greensomes representative should draw up lists of their two separate squads and intimate them to the Greensomes recorder greensomes@mclga.com by 31st March. If additional players are to be added to those squads during the year the representative should advise the recorder greensomes@mclga.com accordingly. In the event that a team cannot be raised from one of the separate squads, in exceptional circumstances (e.g. illness, injury, bereavement, etc.), and as a last resort, players from the other squad may be used but only on two occasions per Club each season. Term 16 below would thereafter apply.

Sections

7. The matches will be played in two independent Sections: Trophy and Quaich. At the end of each season, a full redraw will be undertaken, leaving those clubs with two teams in separate sections. Match organisers will attempt to exchange venues, i.e. home and away for those teams who are playing each other in two consecutive years.

Playing Handicaps

8. Playing Handicaps are to reflect the Greensomes Handicap Allowance of 60% of the lower Course Handicap + 40% of the higher Course Handicap. **For the Greensomes League, a local rule, that rounded Course Handicaps for individuals will be used in the calculation, will be adopted.** Where a player's Handicap Index results in a Course

Handicap of 37 or above, this must be used to determine the Playing Handicaps (see Point 2).

Strokes to be given are the full difference of Greensomes Handicaps. This allowance should not be rounded but should be expressed as an exact allowance. The difference between these two exact allowances is calculated, and only then is rounding applied to the exact difference.

For example:

Pair A (Course Handicaps of 15 and 28) = combined Playing Handicap of 20.2 (i.e. Course H/cap 15 x 60% = 9.0 and Course H/cap 28 x 40% = 11.2)

Pair B (Course Handicaps of 16 and 22) = combined Playing Handicap of 18.4 (i.e. Course H/cap 16 x 60% = 9.6 and Course H/cap 22 x 40% = 8.8)

The difference in exact combined Playing Handicaps between the Pair A & Pair B = 1.8 therefore 1.8 rounded gives a difference of 2.

Pair A therefore receives 2 strokes.

Matches

9. Matches are to be played Monday to Friday before 2.30pm. Dates and starting times of all matches are to be sent to greensomes@mclga.com by 31st January each year. All matches should be completed by the middle of September.
10. Matches are to be played in Greensomes combined Playing Handicap order and team cards to be exchanged between Team Captains (of the day) before play commences. Once pairs have been decided and combined Playing Handicaps calculated, couples will play in order of the lowest combined Playing Handicap first. Where possible it is suggested that pairings should consist of a low handicap player with a higher handicap player, although it is recognised that this is not always possible.

Result

11. Each match will consist of 3 Greensomes games (3 pairs), a game point (1) being awarded to the winner of each Game and half a point (1/2) being awarded to each team when a Game finishes all square after 18 holes.
12. The match will be won by the team with the most Game Points as described in Term 11 above. The winning team will be awarded two (2) Match Points; the losing team will not receive any Match Points. In the case of a halved match, both teams will be awarded one (1) Match Point.
13. The results card is a downloadable form from the www.mclga.com web site. The result should be sent to the Recorder greensomes@mclga.com within 48 hours of the match.

14. Any cancellations and rearranged games must be notified to the recorder greensomes@mclga.com.
15. The winner of each Section will be the team with the most match points. If, after calculating match points, a tie occurs for either Section, or if match points cannot decide on the teams to be moved between the Sections, then total game points will count. If a tie still occurs after considering total game points, the trophy winner and Club movement between Sections will be calculated using the holes remaining to be played across all individual matches won. The team with the greater amount of holes to be played will finish above the team with which they were previously tied. If a tie still occurs after considering total holes remaining to be played then the **head to head** match score between the two teams will count, followed by the head to head game points, followed by the head to head total holes remaining to be played.

Availability of Players

16. The Association is committed to making competitions accessible to all members and will make reasonable adjustments to accommodate those members who require a buggy, as a result of disability or temporary injury, to enable them to play, wherever possible. Where a player requires the use of a buggy as a result of either disability or temporary injury – see Term 19), we ask if the relevant club can make a buggy available as a reasonable adjustment. If this is not possible, the away Team Captain would be required to adjust selection accordingly, to enable a full team to compete.
17. If a club is unable to raise a team on the pre-arranged date, matches could be played with two instead of three games, the third game being conceded 5 & 4. For clubs who have more than one team, although it would be permissible for a player to be used outwith the permitted twice (see Term 6 above), their game would be forfeited 5 & 4. Non-MCLGA players could be brought in to make up the third game but the score would still be recorded as 5 & 4. Clubs who find themselves repeatedly unable to raise a team should consider withdrawing from the league.

Player(s) Retirement / Concession

18. In line with the Rules of Golf and Rule 3.2b, if a player becomes unwell or otherwise has to retire during a game and therefore concedes the remaining holes to her opponents, her opponents are deemed to have won any subsequent holes not played but the result will not be more than 5/4 and the score of that game will be reflected as such in the overall match result.

Use of Buggy & Caddy

19. Players shall walk at all times during a stipulated round unless a player requires a buggy, as a result of disability or temporary injury, to enable them to play. The Association will make reasonable adjustments to accommodate such players, as per Term 16. Caddies

are not permitted, unless prior consultation and agreement with the opposition and authorised by the MCLGA competition committee.

Catering

20. Clubs are not required to provide any catering at these matches. However, it is noted some Clubs provide for their male senior matches and hence provision is given to the ladies Greensomes matches. Providing food at these matches is solely at the Clubs discretion.

Adverse Weather Conditions

21. Before the first game tees off, the Home Team Captain, in consultation with the Away Team Captain, may arrange to postpone a match owing to adverse weather conditions. Only if the course becomes unplayable during the course of a match, or if play can cease under the Rules of Golf, should a match be abandoned. If either of these conditions occur, an alternative date should be arranged between the Reps, as soon as possible, with at least 2 alternative dates being offered by the home team. The date, when confirmed, should be notified to the Greensomes recorder. Where a match has been rescheduled due to abandonment or postponement, then all games will start from the first hole regardless of where each game finished in the original match.