



League General Terms of Competition

COMPOSITION

Affiliated clubs of the Boland Golf Union (BGU) must submit an entry form to compete in the Boland Leagues. Teams will be grouped according to their respective leagues, with the team size varying depending on the league.

Only clubs that have paid the entry fee to the BGU at the start of the season will be eligible to participate. Clubs that do not meet the payment deadline set by the BGU will be removed from the fixture list.

Clubs can enter multiple teams in any league. Each team competes in home and away matches against the other teams in its group.

1. DATE OF PLAY

- a) A fixture list shall be drawn up by the Boland Golf Union and all matches should be played on the stipulated date.
- b) Subject to a written agreement (and sanction by the Union) between both Clubs concerned, a match may be played on an alternative date which MUST be played before the next round.
- c) If clubs involved cannot agree on a new (earlier) date, the original fixture will remain, and the clubs will be obligated to play the fixture under the League Rules.

2. CLUBS RESPONSIBILITIES

- a) The Home Club is required to set up the course with a total length that does not exceed the distance indicated on the club's official scorecard.
- b) Clubs must ensure that their "Local Rules" comply with the official Rules of Golf.
- c) The Home Club shall appoint a Duty Official, who may serve as the Official Starter.
- d) The Duty Official must be available or reachable throughout the day for all players, handling any disputes or decisions during the matches.
- e) It is the home club captain's responsibility to confirm in writing with the opposing team's captain the tee-off times of the match.

DETAILS OF THE PLAY

- a) The formats being played are Betterball Stableford, Betterball Match Play and Singles Match Play based on the respective leagues and is played over 18 holes.
- b) All fixtures must be played from the Club Competition tees, with all players teeing off from the same tees.
- c) Any fixtures not completed by the Monday following the scheduled date, will be logged as completed, with neither team being allocated any points. The match will not be rescheduled.
- d) If a club has multiple league teams, players must not switch between teams within the same league group but can switch between different leagues (e.g., from Brodie to Senior to Kruger).
- e) The visiting team shall have the honour of the first tee, followed by the home team.

- f) Matches must begin at a time set by the host club, which must notify the visiting team at least one week before the fixture.
- g) Players are not permitted to bring alcohol to the course, and a player must not consume alcohol during the match.

3. CADDIES AND GOLF CARTS

- a) No player or his caddie may caddie for any other member during the same round.
- b) The use of caddies will be subject to the rules of the hosting club and the player is responsible for contacting the host club before the League match to check for any caddie restrictions.
- c) Players in the Brodie, Senior and Women's leagues are permitted to use golf carts and the cost is for their account.
- d) The hosting club will determine the cost of golf carts.

3. PARTICIPANTS

- a) Only amateur players officially handicapped at the Club he/she is representing and in addition: **The BGU will allow players to play League for a club where they are not handicapped, condition to:**
 - The host club must agree in writing to the player representing them.
 - The club where the player is handicapped must agree to release the player to the host club.
 - The club releasing the player must not have a Kruger League team entered in the applicable league season.
 - Only players who are affiliated and handicapped at a BGU-affiliated club will be granted this courtesy.
 - All teams within the league are to be advised of any such players.
- b) A player may not represent more than one club during the current season. If a player has transferred between Unions or Clubs, the club must notify the Union, and permission will be granted accordingly
- c) All players participating in the league must familiarize themselves with the rules outlined in the League General Terms of Competition, and any specific rules applicable to the league groups.

4. WEATHER

The home club's Greenkeeper or Club Manager will be solely responsible for determining whether the weather conditions make the course unplayable. Once the decision is made, the Duty Official must notify all players accordingly and as soon as possible.

4.1. If a match has and is subsequently called off due to weather conditions, players are expected to remain at the host Club until the Duty Official/league captain calls off play for the day. Any player who is absent when play is to be resumed will be disqualified. The results will be determined as follows:

- a) If play has already commenced and is halted, it will resume when conditions permit.
- b) If a match between teams, once underway, cannot be concluded due to adverse weather, poor light, or other conditions rendering the course unplayable, the outcome of the match will be determined as follows:
 - All completed games at the time of the stoppage within the match will stand.
 - Any incomplete games that reached the 9th hole or beyond will be decided based on the score when the play was halted.
 - Any games which have not completed 9 holes will be declared a draw.
 - Games that are cancelled before the start of play, will be recorded as a draw.

4.2. A club that has its course closed due to weather/ playability in the days before a fixture and believes the course will remain closed on the day of the fixture;

- a) Must advise the visiting club or its team of such closure to avoid unnecessary travel for those visiting players.
- b) If a fixture is cancelled due to the course rendered unplayable, the two captains must reschedule the match.

5. ROUNDS & SCORING

a) Team Captain / Club's Responsibility:

- The team captain or club admin is responsible for uploading their team players to the Score Capture Online System.
- Team names can be uploaded before the fixture date, but before the cut-off at 23:59 the day before the fixture to ensure the system correctly calculates the handicaps.
- Clubs may "hide" their team lineup from the opposing team, but lineups will automatically become visible 30 minutes before the scheduled tee time.
- If a player needs to be replaced on the day of play, this must be done before the 30-minute reveal time.
- The host club is responsible for doing live scoring on the day or after the round by manually inputting each player's hole-by-hole scores.
- The Score Capture Online result sheet must be completed and verified by both home and away team captains on the day of play.

b) Score Capture System:

- The Score Capture system will automatically open a round for each player on the day of the fixture.
- The Score Capture Online System will automatically calculate handicaps on the morning of the scheduled round. Players are still responsible for ensuring they play off the correct handicap and should verify their current handicap on the HNA system before starting play.
- Should there be a discrepancy, the player's handicap can be refreshed on the app before play.

c) Player Responsibility:

- All Matchplay scores are required for handicapping purposes. Players must be aware of the guidelines in the WHS Handicap Manual to ensure that they correctly submit their scores.
- Players who complete a match play round before all 18 holes have been played must enter their hole-by-hole gross scores for the completed holes into the HNA system and select the "incomplete round" option.
- The system will then use the WHS expected score algorithm to calculate the 18-hole gross score. Players who continue to play after the match ends should not enter their stroke play scores for the remaining holes, as mixing competition match play and social stroke play scores is not allowed.

6. DISPUTES

- a) League Captains to be aware of Rule 20.1b in the Rules of Golf, which sets out the procedure to be followed if a dispute/claim arises on the course.
- b) If a claim is made, once the match has been completed, the players must report the matter to their Team captains and the Duty Official and every effort should be made to settle the dispute.
- c) If no resolution is possible, both captains must submit an email report within 48 hours of the completion of the match, setting out the nature and details of the claim.

7. WITHDRAWALS

Should a team withdraw from the league, forfeit a game or be withdrawn by the BGU the log will be updated as follows;

- a) the results of the matches played by the team will be null and void and logs will be adjusted accordingly
- b) The remaining matches will be cancelled. That team will then remain on the log with zero points.
- c) The Club will not be permitted to enter a team into the following year's League competition subject to the outcome of investigation and possible appeal.

8. INFRINGEMENT OF LEAGUE RULES:

- a) Any infringement of the rules outlined in this document by a player, team, or member club will be investigated by the BGU's Disciplinary Committee. The following sanctions may be imposed: disqualification, withdrawal, correction or cancellation of results for any player and/or team, or temporary or permanent suspension of individuals, teams, or clubs.
- b) Only the Disciplinary Committee or Director of Golf of the Boland Golf Union has the authority to rule on any infringement.

9. CHANGES

The BGU Executive Committees may amend, alter, delete, or add to the League Terms of Competition Rules at any time.

12. GENERAL INFORMATION

- a) An entry fee of R350-00 (Three hundred rand) per team shall accompany applications to BGU.
- b) The BGU will set the closing dates for entries, and all clubs will be notified accordingly.
- c) Halfway House, Caddie fees and tips are for the player's account.
- d) Visiting players must adhere to the home rules and regulations for the home club, course and clubhouse.
- e) A floating trophy and individual medals will be presented to the winners.

VERSION: This version of the League Rules supersedes all previous versions and is effective from 1 January 2025.

By entering and having its team accepted into this league, a club and player agree to adhere to these conditions.

RULES ISSUES

Any infringements should be duly recorded on the result sheet for the BGU to conduct a thorough investigation. The final decision will be determined through an inquiry, and the respective teams will be notified of the outcome.

If a player declares a higher handicap either before or during the match and does not correct the mistake before the opponent makes their next stroke:	The player is disqualified if this affects the number of strokes the player gives or gets. If it does not, there is no penalty.	The points will be awarded to the opponent.
Should a player not enter a score for handicap purposes through the HNA system before the following league match	The player will receive a verbal warning and subsequent offences will result in further sanctions by the BGU.	BGU will take the necessary action.
Teams not arriving for a scheduled game	The team will be withdrawn from the league.	The standings will be updated on the log accordingly.
The player brings his alcohol or consumes any form of alcohol on the golf course.	Disqualification and a 3-match suspension of the offending Player	The points will be awarded to the opponent
Any player or his caddie may not caddie for any other player on the same day.	Disqualification of the offending Player	The points will be awarded to the opponent