



# League General Terms of Competition

## COMPOSITION

Only clubs affiliated with the Boland Golf Union (from here on to be referred to as the BGU) may apply to enter teams into the Boland Leagues. Teams in the leagues will be grouped, and the number of players on each team will vary depending on the relative league.

Only clubs whose entry fee has been received by the BGU will be eligible to play. Any club who fails to make payment of League entry fees by the last stipulated date as per the BGU will be removed from the draw and will undergo review in the event of an application to play in future leagues.”

Clubs can enter more than one team in any of the leagues. Each league team will play home and away matches against the other teams.

## 1. DATE OF PLAY

- a) A fixture list shall be drawn up by the BGU and all matches must be played on the stipulated date.
- b) Subject to agreement between both Clubs concerned (and sanctioned by the Union), a match may be played on an alternative date which **MUST** be played before the next round. Weather in itself is not a reason for a rescheduling of a match.
- c) If clubs involved cannot agree on a new date, the original fixture will remain, and the clubs will be obligated to play the fixture by the League Rules.
- d) Rules about forfeiture will be enforced on clubs failing to comply with the schedule.
- e) In exceptional circumstances, as deemed suitable by the BGU, the BGU retains the authority to cancel all games and reschedule them within the same calendar month of the originally scheduled match whenever feasible.
- f) If a club cannot host the scheduled matches on the date determined by the BGU, the hosting Club must notify the BGU two weeks in advance to allow the Union to find an alternate venue or date.

## 2. CLUBS RESPONSIBILITIES

- a) The Home Club **MUST** set the course up so that matches are played off the Club Tees (White for Men and Red for Women) and the overall length must not exceed the total length as per the club rating distance on the scorecard.
- b) Clubs must ensure that their “Local Rules” do not breach a Rule of Golf.
- c) The home Club shall appoint a Duty Official who shall be deemed to be the authorised representative of the BGU for the day. The Duty Official may also be the Official Starter.
- d) The Duty Official needs to share the Tee Sheet following the BGU's schedule. Let the visiting teams know the tee times, Duty Official's name, and contact info a week before the game.
- e) The Duty Official should be available or contactable by all players throughout all the matches of the day for disputes and decisions.



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## 3. DETAILS OF THE PLAY

- a) Play is to be conducted by the Rules of Golf and in the spirit of the game. The matches may include Singles Match Play, Betterball Stableford Play, or Foursomes Match Play, depending on the applicable leagues, and are typically contested over 18 holes.
- b) Games are to be played off the Club Competition tees, and all players are to tee off from the same set of tees.
- c) Team lists should be submitted to the Duty official or opposing Captain at least 20 minutes before the first scheduled tee-off time. Failure to provide a completed team sheet will result in the offending club being penalised two game points after the matches on the day.
- d) Where a Club has more than one team in league golf, the interchanging of players is not permitted.
- e) The visiting team have the honour of the first Tee followed by the home team.
- f) Matches are subject to the host Club's local rules and must not contradict the Rules of Golf. Matches are to start at a time as determined by the host club and conveyed to the visiting clubs no less than 1 week before the fixture.
- g) Distance measuring devices will be permissible at all league games, provided the device complies with the Rules of Golf.
- h) No player is allowed to bring alcohol to the course and under no circumstances may a player consume any form of alcohol on the golf course.
- i) If any rounds from previous league games have not been opened or scores entered, the player will be subject to disciplinary action by the Boland Executive.

## 3. CADDIES AND GOLF CARTS

- a) No player or her caddie may caddie for any other member of the team during the same day.
- b) The use of caddies at venues will be subject to the respective host clubs' Rules. Players are responsible for contacting the host club in advance of the League match to ascertain any restrictions which may be in place.
- c) The use of Golf Carts by players is permitted and the cost is for the player's account. The cost of Golf Carts will be determined by each hosting club.

## 4. PARTICIPANTS

- a) Only amateur players officially handicapped at the club he is representing, are eligible to play.
- b) If a player not representing their home club in the league, and their club has not entered the league, the player is allowed to play for another club. The player's home club must provide consent and permit their participation in the league of another club.
- c) No player shall represent more than one Club in the current season.
- d) Every player taking part in the league must read and understand the regulations specified in the League Terms of Play, along with the particular rules that apply to the specific leagues in which they are participating.
- e) It remains the responsibility of the captain and the player to check their handicap index and course handicap in the handicap league.



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- f) Players are required to open a round at the HNA terminals or via the HNA App and record their scores after play.

## 5. WEATHER

- a) Only the home club's designated Green Keeper or Club Manager, will assess whether weather conditions render the course unplayable. In such cases, the Duty Official will promptly notify all players. If play has already commenced and is halted by the Duty Official or league captains, it will resume when conditions permit.

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.
  - All incomplete games that have progressed beyond the 9<sup>th</sup> hole at the time of the stoppage will be determined by the standing of the game at the time of the stoppage.
  - Any games which have not yet completed 9 holes will be declared a draw.
- b) Matches that are cancelled before the start of play as per the above rules will be recorded as a draw on the log.
- c) 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 at the time that play is to be resumed will be disqualified.

## 6. RESULTS

- a) The result sheet shall be fully completed and shall be signed by the designated Captains of each team. Both participating Clubs are responsible for notifying the BGU of the results by no later than **20:00 on the DATE OF PLAY**. The result sheets must be posted on the assigned WhatsApp group number **0794940900**.
- b) If the BGU does not have the result of any fixture by **20:00 ON THE DATE OF PLAY**, the result will be recorded as a draw and both clubs may be subject to further sanction.
- c) Updated logs and results will be readily available via the UGA App and the BGU Website.
- d) After signing off the results, no alteration to the result will be allowed, unless as a result of a valid claim.

## 7. DISPUTES

- a) League Captains are to make their players 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, the League Result Sheet should be marked "Results subject to claim by X" and the matter brought to the attention of the BGU.
- d) This shall be followed up by the submission of an email report by both Captains, within 48 hours of the completion of the match, setting out the nature and details of the claim.



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- e) The BGU, using the League Results Sheet and any other information received, will determine the results of the match.

## 8. WITHDRAWALS

Should a team withdraw from the league during the current season (or be withdrawn by the BGU due to a defaulted match which materially affects the status of the log): -

- a) The results of the matches played by the team will be null and void.
- b) All matches will be cancelled, and all scores will be removed from the log.
- c) The Club will not be permitted to enter a team into the following year's League competition subject to the outcome of any possible appeal.

## 9. INFRINGEMENT OF LEAGUE RULES:

Infringement of any of the Rules as set out in this document by any player (member), team or club will be investigated by the Executive Committee of the Boland Golf Union and the following sanctions may be imposed; disqualification, withdrawal, correction, or cancellation of the results of any player and/or team and or the temporary or permanent suspension of individuals, teams or clubs.

Only the Executive Committee or Director of Golf of the Boland Golf Union has the authority to rule on any infringement. Therefore, all the Captains need to ensure that they submit the result sheet with the Dispute indicated on the sheet followed by a full report by both captains.

## 10. CHANGES

The Executive Committees of the BGU shall have the right to 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) Closing dates for entries shall be fixed by the BGU and all Clubs shall be notified thereof.
- c) Halfway House, Caddie fees and tips are for the player's account.
- d) Visiting players must adhere to the home Club's Rules and Regulations in all regards for the 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 2024.

**A CLUB WHICH HAS ENTERED AND HAS HAD ITS TEAM ACCEPTED FOR THIS LEAGUE BINDS ITSELF TO COMPLY WITH THESE CONDITIONS!**



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## RULES ISSUES

Any infringements should be duly recorded on the result sheet for the BGU (Boland Golf Union) to conduct a thorough investigation. The final decision will be determined through this inquiry, and the respective teams will be promptly notified of the outcome. Subsequent actions will be taken by the investigation's findings.

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 any subsequent offences will result in further disciplinary action.	BGU will take the necessary action.
Teams not arriving for a scheduled game	The team forfeits the game	A win will be awarded to the opposing team as per the League Rules.
The player brings her own 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 her caddie may not caddie for any other member of the team during the same day	Disqualification of the offending Player	The points will be awarded to the opponent
Interchanging of players between league golf	Disqualification of the offending Player	The points will be awarded to the opponent
Team lists should be submitted to the Duty official or opposing Captain at least 20 minutes before the first scheduled tee-off time	Failure to provide a completed team sheet will result in the offending club being penalized two game points after the matches on the day.	BGU will take the necessary action.