



## **Winter League 2018/2019**

Competition Entry Closing Date: Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
Finals Day: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
Reserve Date: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019

The rules for the 2018/2019 Winter League competition are set out in this document

### **Additions for 2018/2019**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Winter League Evening

All entrants are invited to join us for a curry night as the draw for this year's Winter League will take place. Once the draw is made all pairs will be able to arrange and book all of their matches on the night.

Combined Stableford scoring (both scores will count) in the final

### **COMPETITION OUTLINE**

There will be groups of 5 or 6 pairs, dependent on final numbers. Each pair will play all of the other pairs in their group once in a 4 ball better ball format, with 90% handicap difference from the lowest handicapper.

3 points are awarded for a win, 1 for a drawn match and 0 for a loss.

For example: If you win 2&1 you enter +3 in the points column and +2 in the 'goal difference' column. In this example the losing pair enters 0 in the points column and -2 in the 'goal difference' column.

**Only the top pair in each group will qualify for the Florence Salver Final.  
Pairs finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will qualify for the Paterson Plate Final.**

In the event pairs are tied on points then the pair with the better 'goal difference' overall finishes in the higher position. If this is the same the pair with the better head to head result finishes in the higher position. If teams still remain tied then both pairs will be deemed to have finished equal in their group and qualify for the same final. The same principle applies when more than 2 teams are tied.

### **OTHER RULES**

Entry is open to all 7 day male members only. All entrants must have a Competition Handicap, the limit is 23. Players with higher handicaps may enter but must play off 23.

The entry fee is £40 per pair which must be paid in full at the time of entry in the Pro Shop.

30% of the prize money collected will be shared equally between the group winners. If there is a tie for 1st and 2nd the rules for deciding first place will apply as above. 60% of the fund will be allocated to the

Florence Salver Final with prize money going to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. The final 10% of the prize money will be allocated to the Paterson Plate Final with prize money going to 1st, 2nd, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. If there are any ties, with the exception of 1st place, prizes monies will be amalgamated and divided equally. If there are any ties for first place in either final there will be a count back, as per the Rules of Golf, to determine the overall winner.

Pairs may play their matches at any time. The first tee has been reserved on selected Sundays from 8am to 9.30am specifically for the Winter League. These tee times can be booked in the Pro-Shop or online in the usual way. The 10th tee on these weekends will be kept free for casual golf, but matches can play on an informal basis after 9am.

**TWO matches MUST be completed by 31st December 2018. Failure to do so will result in the pair being disqualified from the competition with any results nullified.**

All matches must be completed by 5pm on Sunday 10th March 2019.

If by the end of January most matches have been played the Captains Committee may decide to arrange some other foursomes or four ball competitions on the allocated dates in February, rather than leaving the slots vacant. This will be dependent on the weather and the Committee will decide at the end of January what arrangements to make.

If a match is abandoned due to weather conditions or injury, after a minimum of 9 completed holes, the players may return and complete their match at a later stage. If 9 holes have not been completed the standing on the match is null and void and pairs must return and replay their match in full on another day. If the pair who suffer an injury are not able to return and play their match then their opposition will be awarded a 2 and 1 victory irrelevant of the score at the time of injury.

If when the league tables are removed on Sunday 10th March there are uncompleted matches (with the exception of injuries or illness below) they will be deemed a loss for both pairs (zero points and a minus 2 goal difference will be applied to both pairs). In the unlikely event pairs are found to have not played their matches and agreed a specific result with their opposition, due to not being able to fix a date, get a match completed or to ensure a favorable final group standing, will be disqualified. Their previous scores against other pairs will stand.

If an individual drops out due to injury or serious illness the remaining member of the pair is permitted to play as an individual against the other pairs in their group. If the remaining individual withdraws or does not play matches prior to the closure date, a 2 and 1 victory will be awarded to the opposition in any un-played matches. Results prior to the injury will stand whether the pair withdraws or the individual plays on.

Substitutes will be allowed after initial entry but only before any matches have been played. This is at the discretion of the Golf Committee.

Both finals will be a combined stableford competition (both scores to count) played off 90% handicap with the maximum handicap of 23 still applying. The Florence Salver will be played from the 1st tee and the Paterson Plate from the 10th tee. The Finals reserve date will only be used if the original Finals date is not used.

Any disputes must be referred to the Committee and their decision is final.