ANDERSON LEAGUE MATCHES (SCRATCH)

Anderson Challenge Shield Inter-Club Match Play Trophy

A (I) The League shall be divided into divisions, consisting of teams of seven and/or five players.
(II) In each division, a team shall play 4 home and 4 away matches against their opponents.
(III) Where there are more than 5 teams in a division, a draw will take place to determine opponents.
(IV) 2 clubs will be promoted and relegated between each division.
(V) If two teams from the same club are in the same division they must both play their matches against each other before the end of May.
(VI) Caddies are not allowed. Penalty: loss of hole for each hole for which the breach has occurred, maximum deduction two holes. R&A rule 10.3 modification 8 H-1. Further infringement- disqualification.

B The winners of each division shall receive a Shield.

C ELIGIBILITY
(I) No competitor can play for more than one club in the County. *See Association Rule 17*
(II) Completed entry forms and fees must reach the Treasurer by the required date.
(III) Entries received after the date will not be included in the competition.
(IV) All competitors must have a WHS Handicap Index and submitted 4 **competition** cards within the previous 12 months.
(V) Ladies with a WHS handicap index greater than 40 may participate in matches.
(VI) Confirmed fixture lists, stating both times and dates, should be forwarded to the Match Secretary before December 1st.

Addendum

Modified Rule 4

When a player is unable to compete due to significant memory loss i.e. she is unable to remember where her ball landed or the number of strokes taken, a card marker/ball spotter may accompany her to assist.
The card marker/ ball spotter may not act as a caddy or give advice etc. (Penalties would apply for breach of R&A rule 10.3 model local rules 8 H-1) Confirmation of her issues from her Lady Captain and/or committee will be sufficient evidence. Clubs must inform the opposing team if a card marker/ball spotter will be present 24 hours in advance.

D NOMINATIONS – Only required for those fielding more than one Anderson Team
(I) A club may enter two teams in the League. Clubs with 2 teams, must name nominated players as follows:-
- Two seven player teams – nominate 6 players for their 1st team.
- One seven player team and one five player team – nominate 6 players for their seven player team.
- Two five player teams – nominate 4 players for their 1st team.

(II) A list of nominated 1st team players together with their handicap index, shall be forwarded to the Match Secretary by 31st March. ***These players are only eligible to play in 1st Team Matches.***

(III) A player who is not nominated and who has a handicap index, as at 31st March **lower** than any of the nominated players may play in not more than **two** first team matches and only if a nominated player is unable to play.

(IV) A player who is not nominated and who has a handicap index, as at 31st March **lower** than any of the players nominated shall not be eligible to play in 2nd Team Matches.

(V) All other players who are *not* nominated may play for either the 1st or 2nd team as required but may not take part in more than 10 matches.

(VI) In exceptional circumstances such as illness or injury of a nominated player a substitution is permitted. The new nominated player will play for the remainder of the season, the original nominated player would not be able to return to complete the season.

E STARTING TIMES

(I) The tee shall be booked for the required time which may be any day of the week, at any time of the day at the home club's preference.

(II) Four players shall constitute a team (seven player team) and 3 players for a five player team. Matches may not be conceded if these numbers are available to play.

(III) A team list shall be prepared with players playing in order of handicap index.

(IV) Captains, or their representatives, shall exchange team lists at least 10 minutes before the agreed starting time of the match, after which time the team list shall not be altered.

(V) When two paired players are present they may begin play regardless of their position on the list.

(VI) Should a player fail to be ready to play within 30 minutes after the confirmed official, starting time of the match, her opponent on the list shall score a 10 and 8 walk over.

F SYSTEM OF SCORING

(I) 2 points shall be awarded for a team win.
1 point shall be awarded for a halved match.

(II) In the event of a tie, the individual game points shall count; a draw to count as a half.

(III) In the event of a further tie, away games points will count, after that, the quality of the results of the game will count.

(IV) Halved matches shall be accepted, provided the match has been completed.

(V) Results of conceded matches shall be calculated from the point of concession with a maximum of 6 and 5.

(VI) N.B. It is not possible for both players to concede their game, nor to agree to a halved game.

(VII) For any breaches of DCLGA rules or bye-laws, players concerned shall lose their games by 10 and 8.

(VIII) Eclectic cards may not be marked during matches.

G DISPUTES

The Captains, or their Representatives, of the teams concerned should normally settle a dispute. If the dispute cannot be resolved, it should be referred to the Match Secretary or the DCLGA Captain within 48 hours after the end of the match.

H DATES

(I) Only County fixtures shall take precedence over league matches.

(II) Dates, once fixed may not be changed except for:-
County fixtures
Course closed or unavailable for play.
Extenuating Circumstances e.g. extreme heat. This will be subject to the approval of the Match Secretary or DCLGA Captain whose decision will be final.

I ABANDONED MATCHES

(I) In really bad weather conditions or extreme heat matches may be abandoned with the
(II) agreement of **both** Captains on the day of the match if the course is deemed unfit for play (flooded greens, wind causing ball to move etc.), even if the course has been declared fit by the committee/Professional

(II) Players should not discontinue play unless:-
a. The Committee has suspended play.
b. There is a danger of lightning *(R & A Rule 5.7a)*
Bad weather is not of itself a good reason for discontinuing play, unless FOG, SNOW or FLOODED GREENS make play dangerous or impossible.

(III) Should a match be abandoned then the Captains must rearrange the match and inform the Match Secretary accordingly.

(IV) Completed games in the match will stand and only those games left in play or to be played are to be rearranged. Play will commence from the 1st tee.

(V) In the event of a conceded match the opposing team will receive a 4-0 win for the 7 player teams and a 3-0 win for the 5 player teams.

J RESULTS

(I) Match results must be forwarded to the Match Secretary as soon as they are known. (*Within 7 days*). Failure to return match sheets within the time limits MAY result in penalties Result sheets should be emailed to the Match Secretary by the Home club (*In the same A5 format).*
They may also be posted.

(II) Failure to field a team on more than one occasion MAY result in penalties.

K WITHDRAWALS

Clubs withdrawing completely from the Anderson League matches during the year will be banned for the following two seasons in respect of that league unless there are extenuating circumstances.