**MID WALES COUNTY GOLF ASSOCIATION**

**HANDICAP LEAGUE RULES 2023**

1. The number of Divisions will depend on the number of Clubs entering.
2. A team must play a home and away match against each of the other teams in their divisions, one match on their home course and one on the opposition’s course. The format will be four-ball better ball.

* The Competition Handicap Allowance is 90%. To implement this, first work out 90% of each player’s course handicap, then there is full difference of those handicaps taken from the lowest handicapper in each match.

1. Each home team must give three dates to the away team. One of the three dates must be at a weekend. Should none of the dates be convenient for the away team, the away team must concede the match.
2. The team to consist of a maximum of 6 players. To determine the AWAY team player’s Course Handicaps their Handicap Indexes should be adjusted using the Club’s Slope rating Charts for the course being played.
3. The order of play and pairings shall be as elected by the captain of the team.
4. Players must be members of a Club affiliated to Mid Wales County Golf Association. Players need not be a member of MWCGA to participate in the League.
5. Players with Handicap Indexes of 36.1 to 54 may play in the League, but must play off a maximum Handicap Index of 36.0.
6. A player may only play for one Club throughout the season.
7. All matches must be completed, and the results (full results of all games) must be with the League Organiser, Sarah Parker, by Monday 21st August 2023.
8. Individual match results should be sent to the organiser by the Captain of the HOME team only please, by email or WhatsApp.
9. Scoring for each pair will be:
   1. two points for a win
   2. two points for a concession
   3. one point for a halved match (exception – finals shall be played to a conclusion, until the winning team has been determined).
10. In the event of two or more teams acquiring the same number of points, the Division’s winning team will be resolved by operating the count back system over all games played by the tied teams in their Division.

**SEMI-FINALS & FINALS**

1. Winners of each Division go through to the semi-finals.
2. Opponents in the semi-finals will be decided by a draw of the Division winners.
3. When there are three Divisions, the results of 2nd place teams in each Division will be reviewed to find a 4th team to go through to the semi-finals as follows:

❖ The team which has the highest points score from any one match goes through

❖ If still a draw, then the highest points score from any 2 matches goes through

❖ If still a draw, then the team with the greatest number of games won in the highest points scoring match goes through.

1. All games in the SEMI-FINALS AND FINAL should be played to a conclusion until the winning team has been determined. Should a course become unplayable, or conditions be such that the course is likely to be unplayable, or that conditions would be unreasonable for the match to take place, the match may be postponed and another date arranged.