**MWCGA**

**HANDICAP LEAGUE RULES 2024**

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 is 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 PARTNERS OR SINGLES, SHALL BE THE DECISION OF THE CAPTAIN OF THE TEAM.
4. Players must be FULL PLAYING MEMBERS of a Club affiliated to Mid Wales County Golf Association
5. Players do not need to purchase a county booklet to participate in the Handicap League.
6. To be eligible to play in the semi-final and final, players MUST HAVE PLAYED AT LEAST ONE HANDICAP LEAGUE MATCH IN THE CURRENT SEASON.
7. 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.
8. A player may only play for one Club throughout the season.
9. All matches must be completed, and the results (full results of all games) must be with the League Organiser, Sarah Parker, by MONDAY 12TH AUGUST 2024.
10. The dates for the semifinals and finals with be announced at the same time as the divisions are drawn at the beginning of the season.
11. Individual match result sheets should be sent to the organiser by the CAPTAIN OF *THE HOME TEAM PLEASE, photo of results sheet please via email or* WhatsApp.
12. 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).
13. 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. Hence the need for legible correctly completed results sheets.

**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. 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.