

# **MEN'S WINTER LEAGUE 2025/26**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025 to close of play Sunday 25th January 2026**

**Entry fee £5 per person (£10 per team). Only open to 7 day members.**

Gentlemen,

Before commencing your first round, all pairings (**the team**) must register in the book in the Pro Shop and pay the entry fee to Steve Mackinder.

Between the dates above, the team can then **play a maximum of 10 games** and **MUST** be accompanied by a member of the club to verify the score of the round. The format is Pairs Better Ball Stableford played off yellow tees.

Playing handicap should be calculated at 85% of course handicap.

**Procedure.** Before starting a round, the team must register their names and the date of the round in the Competition Book held by Steve Mackinder. The competition and date must then be entered on the score card, along with the Players' names, Course Handicap and Playing Handicap (85% handicap allowance). The marker's name must also be PRINTED as the 3<sup>rd</sup> name on the card, to assist with verification if necessary. Failure to include any necessary information may lead to the card being invalidated.

At the end of the round, please check and sign your completed scorecard and put it in the usual Competitions Box in the Club House (Including N/R's please!). You do **NOT** need to enter your round into the computer, and it will not affect your handicap.

**If temporary greens are in play,** then the total score shall be reduced by half a point for each temporary green, and cards must be marked accordingly. For holes which are closed the team will be given 2 points.

**If tee box on 2<sup>nd</sup> is moved forward** to near tall tree half-way down the hole, then the hole will be played as a Par 4 rather than a Par 5.

**If Winter Mats have been allowed to be used on the fairways,** then these may also be used during Winter League Rounds.

A record of rounds played and scores achieved will be maintained and published regularly by the Handicaps and Competitions Committee. **The best 6 scores for each team will be aggregated. The 8 pairs with the highest aggregate scores will then proceed to the Knockout Phase of the competition.**

In the event of a tie for 8<sup>th</sup> place the 7<sup>th</sup> best score achieved by the team will decide which team will progress to the knockout phase. If it is still a tie then the team with the highest single score will proceed. Should there still be a tie, a preliminary knockout match will be played.

**The deadline of the 25th January 2026 for the League Stage will NOT be extended under any circumstances!** Therefore, it might be a good strategy to get some early rounds in!

### **KNOCKOUT PHASE (Match Play)**

Dates shall be set by the Handicaps and Competitions Committee, for the completion of the knockout rounds and it is imperative that teams make every effort to play their matches in the allotted timescale. **In the event of some of the holes being closed**, it is acceptable to play the match **as long as a minimum of 11 holes are open**. In extreme circumstances a team may have to bring in a substitute for the knockout phase. The sub should NOT have played in another Winter League team and his playing handicap will be (90% of the course handicap) and this will then be reduced by a further 10%.

For clarification, the match play phase will use playing handicap set at 90% of course handicap (85% is only for the League stage) with the lowest handicapper playing off zero and the differential calculated to the three other players.

Course closure may lead to an extension of play off deadlines at the discretion of the Handicaps and Competitions Committee.

**All teams, except the finalists, can compete for the Winter League Plate.**

### **KNOCKOUT PHASE - Arranging matches**

As soon as it is known who the opponents are in the knockout phase, the team named first in the tie should make contact.

The team should give their opponents 2 dates, not in the same week. If the opposition are unable to play on either of these 2 dates, then they should provide a further 2 alternative dates.

If it is not possible to agree a date and the match cannot be played by the final date for the round, **BOTH teams will be eliminated**. It is expected that members will be capable of reaching an amicable solution that meets the needs of both parties.

Should a team fail to attend on the agreed date and time, that team will be eliminated and the other team will go through to the next round. Should the course be closed thus preventing the match being played, then it will be at the discretion of the Handicaps and Comp. Cttee. to extend the dates.