

BRISTOL AND DISTRICT LADY GOLFERS ALLIANCE

RULES AND REGULATIONS (Revised 2010)

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1. THE ALLIANCE

- (i) The Alliance shall be called *The Bristol and District Lady Golfers' Alliance*. The Annual General Meeting and Captains Meeting will be held before the end of any year. The Hon. Secretary shall convene an Extraordinary General Meeting at any time by order of the Committee or on receiving a requisition to call such a meeting signed by the secretaries of two-thirds of the affiliated clubs. Every such requisition shall specify the business for which the Meeting is to be convened and no other business shall be transacted at this Meeting.
- (ii) Membership shall be open to clubs in Bristol and District (an area definitively drawn) and elected by existing members.
- (iii) The annual subscription per club shall be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting.

2. ALLIANCE COMMITTEE

- (i) There will be a Committee consisting of:
 - Chairperson
 - Honorary Secretary
 - Honorary Treasurer
 - Championship Secretary
 - Gloucestershire County Liaison Officer
 - Somerset County Liaison Officer
 - Web Co-ordinator
 - Plus one other Committee Member
- (ii) All Committee members will be elected annually and shall serve for a maximum of 3 years. A lapse of one year shall take place before the retiring members are eligible for re-election. The Committee shall have powers to co-opt.
- (iii) Nominations for posts on the Committee and any resolutions for consideration at the Annual General Meeting should be sent to the Hon. Secretary at least three weeks in advance in order that the Agenda may be sent to Clubs for discussion before the Meeting. For nominations to be valid the appropriate representatives of the proposing and seconding clubs must sign them before submission to the Hon. Secretary.
- (iv) No club represented at the Annual General Meeting (or Extraordinary General Meeting) shall have more than one vote, either by show of hands or by ballot. The members of the Alliance Committee shall each have one vote, with the exception of the Chairman, who shall have a casting vote.

3. THE LEAGUE

- (i) Clubs will be divided into divisions, each division having a maximum number of seven teams. Clubs may enter more than one team. Each team shall play a home and away match against every other team in its division. Annual results shall decide which two clubs will be promoted or relegated. In the event that a team is withdrawn from a division other than the bottom division of the league, only one team will be relegated from the division from which the team withdrew. The top two teams in the division below will be promoted. This will be replicated in any lower divisions: i.e. one team down, two teams up.
In the event of a tie in the total number of points scored throughout the season, results will be calculated by the Hon. Secretary on matches won, before individual points. If there is still a tie even after counting the individual points, the team that scored the most away points would be the better team.
- (ii) There shall be a Trophy for the winning team in each Division.
- (iii) Individual trophies shall be awarded to the players in each Division who score the highest number of match points while playing in the same team.
- (iv) New clubs accepted into the Alliance shall be given a place in the lowest Division in preference to a 'C' Team from an established club if the overall size prevents the accommodation of both. In this event the 'C' Team occupying the lowest place would be asked to withdraw. In the absence of a 'C' Team then the lowest placed 'B' Team would be asked to withdraw.
- (v) An additional 'B' Team applying to join shall have priority over the lowest placed existing 'C' Team.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- (i) All players must have an Active Handicap as defined by CONGU.
- (ii) A player may represent her 'Home Club' only (i.e. the club where her active handicap is held). The player must meet any eligibility criteria set out annually by her club.
- (iii) Clubs must field teams in strict order of exact handicap. A handicap increase takes precedence over a handicap cut when players are off the same exact handicap.
- (iv) All captains must field a full team, even though it may be under desired strength. If a full team is not fielded on the day, then the club concerned should be referred to the committee, who will decide on any penalties to be imposed. Infringement of this rule could result in disqualification and loss of points for the season.
- (v) The seven lowest eligible handicap players in the club at any time shall constitute the 'A' team and shall not be eligible to play in 'B' team matches. The next seven lowest eligible handicap players shall constitute the 'B' team and shall not be eligible to play in 'C' team matches.
- (vi) If a player eligible to play for the Alliance teams decides at the start of the year not to make herself available, she should be removed from the list for the whole season. The Hon. Secretary of the Alliance must be notified.

5. COURSE

- (i) The Home Team Captain has the responsibility to ensure that the Course is suitable for play.
- (ii) If, for any reason there are more than 3 temporary greens in play the Home Team Captain must telephone the other Team Captain 2½ hours before the match is due to start. The Clubs may, by mutual agreement, rearrange the Match to be played before the end of October.
- (iii) If, perhaps due to maintenance, the greens are unsuitable for play, the Home Team Captain should if possible, arrange to switch from a home match to an away match.

6. WEATHER

- (i) No match may be postponed except:
If, after consultation the two Team Captains concerned both agree the weather is unsuitable for play. In the event of a disagreement, the Home Team Captain shall have the final decision. The Home Team Captain must telephone the other Team Captain 2½ hours before the match is due to start.
- (ii) Play can only be suspended if there is danger from lightning or there are flooded greens, or if for some other reason play is impossible. Agreement to suspend play should be reached in equity, but in cases of dissent, the Home Team Captain has the final say. Players should mark their balls and leave the course.
- (iii) If it is not possible to resume play: -
 - (a) The completed matches stand.
 - (b) The remaining matches must be completed at a later date, but as soon as it is practical, between the same players, playing in the same order, who must commence at the start of the hole where they marked their balls. If the same players are not available in either or both teams the whole match must be replayed.
 - (c) If no matches have been completed, the whole match must be re-arranged at a later date. where normal eligibility rules will apply.
 - (d) 18 holes must be available for play. If a green or a hole is unplayable and a match is not decided after 17 holes, then the next available hole must be played.

7. MATCH REGULATIONS

- (i) All captains must confirm in writing to the Secretary or email to results@bdlga.org.uk by 31st January, the dates and times of all matches.
- (ii) In the event of 'A', 'B' and 'C' teams from one club being in the same division in any year, they must play one match against each other before they play any other matches, and the other during August of that year.
- (iii) Any infringement of the rules governing clubs fielding 'A', 'B' and 'C' Teams will result in the offending team forfeiting the points gained in the match concerned. Any problems arising should be referred to the Hon. Secretary.
- (iv) The reserved tee time for a match shall be 45 minutes from start of play.
Team sheets shall be exchanged prior to the commencement of the match, after that no substitutions will be allowed. Any player arriving after the reserved tee time will forfeit her match.
- (v) SCORING: Win = 2 points, Half = 1 point, Loss = 0 points.
- (vi) A half may only be recorded and points awarded if a match remains all square after 18 holes.
- (vii) All League results are to be emailed by the Home Team Captain to results@bdlga.org.uk within 48 hours of the completion of each fixture. Failure to report results within 48 hours may result in the application of penalties.
- (viii) Full results of individual matches (e.g.2 & 1) using the Players Record Sheet must be sent to results@bdlga.org.uk or the Hon. Secretary when teams reach their halfway stage AND when all their matches are completed.
- (ix) Distance Finders are not allowed to be used during matches, even if there is a local rule allowing their use at the course where the match is being played.
- (x) Buggies may be used in Alliance Matches on condition it has been medically agreed that a player should have the use of one. It will be the responsibility of both Team Captains to ensure this concession is not abused. There is no objection to a "double buggy" being shared by a physically impaired player and her opponent.
- (xi) Teas for Alliance matches should adhere to the principle of the Home Team entertaining the Guest team by providing a simple meal of tea or coffee with sandwiches or cake.

The Committee's decision will be final.