

**INTER-CLUB DIVISION 4/MINI LEAGUE
CHAMPIONSHIP RULES 2012
CIRCULAR 5**



Sussex County Ladies Golf Association

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1. The Sussex Inter-Club Division 4/Mini League Championship shall be managed by the Division 4/Mini League Secretary under the direction of the Captain and the County Executive.
 2. This competition is for clubs who currently either enter one team only in Divisions 1, 2 or 3, or none at all.
 3. The club shall pay £28 per year to enter a team in Division 4/Mini League.
 4. Any annual playing member of her club is eligible to play for her club, whether she lives in Sussex or not. No player may represent more than one club in a season.
 5. There will be 5 players in a team, playing off full handicap difference and open to players of any handicap. A team captain must be appointed for the match and must be present for the duration of the day. On the day of the match, captains shall simultaneously exchange lists of players in order of play. All players must hold a Current Active CONGU Handicap Certificate.
- Thereafter:
- (a) **Team lists must be exchanged in (not necessarily exact) handicap order but players can go out later with their opposite number if work commitments etc. mean they cannot play at the front of the field. Please inform your opponents prior to the date if this is likely to happen. Failure to nominate in handicap order will result in disqualification of those who went out in the incorrect order**
 - (b) Should a player have failed to arrive prior to the exchange of team lists and thereafter fails to be on the tee within 30 minutes of the first tee off time, her opponent scores a win. All other matches remain in order as per the list.
6. Announcement of the draw will take place annually at the AGM. Each club will play the other clubs in its group, home and away. Group winners go through to quarter finals subject to number of entries received by the AGM, otherwise they will go straight through to semi-finals. If there is a draw on match points, individual team points will count. If there is still a draw situation, a play-off on a neutral course will be arranged. In this instance Clubs must play off all matches, as the quarter-finalists will not be known until all the matches are completed.
 7. In the event of a club being unable to produce a full team on the day of the match, the match is valid if three or more players play. The opposing team will score one point for each absent player. Conceded matches should be those at the bottom of the list. Should a club be unable to produce three players at the time of the match, all matches they have previously played will be disregarded, and they must scratch from the Division 4/Mini League.
 8. **In the event of the original match date having to be changed, the host club MUST offer 3 alternative dates.**
 9. All matches must be 18 holes and start from the 1st tee. The tees of the day must be used. The visitors must be advised of the local rules. The winning Captain or the Home Captain in the case of a draw must report the complete results of each match, immediately to the Mini League Secretary. **THE LAST DAY FOR ALL MATCHES IS 30TH JUNE 2012.**
 10. Should extreme weather conditions make play impossible, the matches may be postponed, if both captains agree, provided they are then and there able to fix a suitable date within the time limit. If agreement cannot be reached, the Mini League Secretary must be consulted and her decision is final. Temporary tees and greens are acceptable. If for any reason a match must be abandoned and both captains agree it will not be possible to resume play, a date must be fixed then and there and the whole match re-started at the 1st tee. In the event of a result already having been achieved, i.e., 3 matches won, the result of the unfinished matches will be as they stand when play is abandoned - a win for the club which is up, and a halved match if players stand all square. This rule does not apply to the subsequent qualifying rounds, when any decision needed will be made by the Division 4/Mini League Secretary and the Committee of the day.
 11. The captain/team captain is responsible for players attending quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals with proof of handicap and these should be produced not later than 30 minutes before the team tee off time.
 12. No bucket holes are allowed in any matches.
 13. Buggies may be used by those players whose normal way of playing is with the use of a buggy for medical reasons. A letter from their club secretary will be required as well as permission from the host club. Opponents may be invited to use the buggy facilities.
 14. Mobile phones are to be switched off on the course and only to be used in extreme emergencies. Infringement will be loss of hole.
 15. **Distance Measuring Devices may be used. However, the use of devices measuring wind speed, temperature, gradient etc may not be used and to do so would be in breach of Rule 14.3. Penalty – disqualification of the player involved.**
 16. **No caddies allowed in the round robin phase. Caddies will be allowed in the semi-finals and finals only.**
- N.B. Team Captains are advised to take a copy of this circular to all matches.**
- PLEASE NOTE:
- (a) The Committee reserve the right to alter the playing conditions of any competition.
 - (b) It is recommended that if Division 4/Mini League organisers wish to arrange practice rounds, players should use their County Cards.
 - (c) It is the home clubs' prerogative to play matches either on weekdays or weekends, please respect the individual arrangements as specified by the club.
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