

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CCLGA SCRATCH LEAGUE (2024)

1. Matches to be played between March 1st and September 30th. Home team to arrange the dates at least one must be offered during the day, and one must be offered evening or weekend.
2. Each team to consist of 3 players who must be members of Cheshire County. Team plays in order of handicap, **BUT** handicap must **NOT** be entered on the result sheet until the match is completed. There is no limit in handicap.
3. Each team will play 3 or 4 matches, usually 2 at home and 2 away. The following year the matches previously played at home will be played away and vice versa if possible. Players shall be responsible for ordering their own meals.
4. Scoring in matches. Individual games all square after 18 holes shall be called a "halved game".
5. Players with a choice of participating club must play for their county home club, i.e. the one at which their WHS handicap is maintained, unless their home club does not enter a team.
6. Home team Captain to send details of all matches to the organiser, immediately on completion of each match. Teams to receive league points as follows: Team win 2 league points. Team draw 1 league point. Team loss 0 point. Scores of individual matches to be recorded in case of count-back.
7. In the event of the course becoming unplayable all games completed shall stand. Any games suspended shall be resumed as soon as possible from the place of suspension, even if resumption occurs on a subsequent date. Any games not started shall be played as soon as possible even though on a subsequent date. Dates for resumption to be agreed by the individual players, with no substitutions.
8. Penalties.
 - Should any player fail to be on the tee within 30 minutes after the scheduled start of the match, her opponent on the list will score a walkover.
 - In the event of the team knowingly being short of its full number of players, a walkover shall be given at the bottom of the team, and nowhere else.
 - In the event of a Club being unable to raise a team, thus causing a cancelled match, the club receiving the walkover will score 2 league points and the club canceling will be penalised 1 league point. In counting individual wins the club obtaining the walkover receives 2 wins instead of 3
 - In the event of a player playing out of handicap order her team will forfeit 1 match.

9. At the end of each season, the winner of Division 1 will win the league and Scratch Trophy. Winners of the other divisions will be promoted, and the bottom placed team may, or may not, be relegated depending on numbers of clubs entering.

As we are unable to predict which teams will rejoin or withdraw from the Scratch League until the start of the new season, it may be necessary to promote more than 1 team or relegate more than 1 team from each division. The club involved will be contacted after the 31st January when all the entries are in and prior to the start of the new season.

10. Any teams wishing to resign from the league must do so by Jan.31st i.e. the closing date for entries.
11. There will be an entry fee of £10 per team to cover administration expenses. The winners of the other divisions will receive a shield which will be held for the following year
12. The CCLGA Committee will organise and run the competition, and their decision is final.
13. Players shall walk at all times, unless permitted to ride by the committee.
14. Caddies are allowed according to the Rules of Golf. Professional golfers may not act as caddies. It would be courteous to give, prior, warning, to your opposition if caddies are to be used.
15. Distance Measuring Devices are allowed in the Scratch League for measuring distance only.