

HARDY LEAGUE RULES (Updated 2018)

Hardy A

1. Each match will consist of eight singles games, maximum handicap 10
2. Each game will be played over 18 holes, using the FULL handicap allowance.
3. Teams will play in handicap order with full handicap difference allowed.
4. It is recommended that all matches in the **have a half-hour tee buffer before their matches.**
5. Matches should not be paired up e.g., playing in fourballs rather than singles.
6. The league will operate on a promotion and relegation basis, agreed at the AGM.
 - a. Division 1 - Seven Teams, Two to be relegated
 - b. Division 2 - Seven Teams Two to be promoted and two to be relegated
 - c. Division 3 - Five Teams Two to be promoted and two to be relegated
 - d. Division 4 - Five Teams Two to be promoted.
7. 13 points will be available for each match, one point for each game played plus **five points for the winning team** (2.5 points each if the match is halved). In the event of a tie on points at the end of the season the team with the best games results will be the winning team.
8. **Update 2017** - It was agreed at the 2017 AGM that ex professionals with active club handicaps can now represent your home club rather than the pre-agreed 2 year absence from the Hardy leagues.
9. **Update 2017** - Both HOME and AWAY captains will register results on the website.

Hardy B

1. Each match will consist of five fourball games for handicaps 11 to 18.
2. Each game will be played over 18 holes off handicap on matchplay basis of 9/10 difference.
3. Results - each team will score two points for a win, one for a draw. In the event of a tie on points, at the end of the season the winning team will be decided on individual games won or lost. In the event of a further tie, for both leagues, there will be a play off on a neutral course.
4. The league will operate on a promotion and relegation basis, agreed at the AGM.
 - a. Division 1 – Five teams, Two to be relegated.
 - b. Division 2 - Five teams Two to be promoted and two to be relegated.
 - c. Division 3 - Five Teams Two to be promoted and two to be relegated.
 - d. Division 4 - Five Teams Two to be promoted and two to be relegated.
 - e. **Division 5a – Three Teams One to be promoted.**
 - f. **Division 5b- Three Teams One to be promoted.**

As the Queens Park inclusion took the Division to 7 teams this Division has been divided into 5a and 5b.

If the two Division winners are in agreement we will organise a play off to decide the Division 5 winners.

Hardy B format to be reviewed for the 2019 season.

10. **Update 2017** - Both HOME and AWAY captains will register results on the website.

Hardy A & B Cup Matches

1. **UPDATE 2018** – the first-round cup matches will now be drawn at the AGM.
2. **UPDATE 2018** - Future rounds will be drawn for the home tie (via the bonus ball) – the two captains to agree the venue.

3. In the event of a tie in a cup match one player or pair nominated by each club before play commences shall play a sudden death. In the event of a holes count, being unable to separate teams in the final then the trophy shall be shared. I e: - A 6 and 5 win would count 11points, 6 & 4 10 points, 5 & 4 9 point etc. down to 1 up counting 1 point. Therefore, the team with the highest hole count being the winner.
4. The semi-finals in both leagues shall be played on a neutral course, where this is not possible the teams shall toss for choice of venue.
5. The final to be played over two legs (home and away).
6. Cup matches to be played by:
 - a. 1st Round - 2nd Sunday in April
 - b. 2nd Round - last Sunday in May
 - c. 3rd Round - 2nd Sunday in July
 - d. Semi Final - last Sunday in Aug
 - e. Final - and both legs of final by last weekend of September.

These dates shall be strictly adhered to.

7. It will be the duty of the HOME CAPTAIN/SECRETARY to contact the visiting team offering, at least, two SEPERATE weekend dates. This should be done immediately their tie has been completed or within one week of the LAST FINAL PLAY BY DATE.
8. League secretaries should have results in case of doubts about opponents.
9. If the home side cannot offer any dates in the time frame, they must either forfeit the match or offer to play at their opponent's course, providing that their opponents can offer two separate weekend dates.
10. If these conditions cannot be fulfilled the tie will be decided by drawing lots If the away team cannot play on any of the dates offered. They must forfeit the match.
11. Should a match be abandoned or postponed, due to course closure or bad weather, with a date within seven days of the final 'play by date', AN EXTENSION OF A MAXIMUM OF TWO WEEKS will be allowed with the home side being given the opportunity to offer, at least one date within that period. If no date can be offered, the conditions above will apply.

General Rules

1. A player can only play for first team he played for in the season regardless of joining a new club mid-season.
2. League and cup matches will be played on agreed dates and times.
3. If a match is stopped due to unforeseen circumstances the match will be replayed, unless all games have completed the NINTH hole in which case the result will be the state of the match at the cessation of play.
4. Each club shall finalise its league fixtures and register them online by the 31st January after the A.G.M.
 - a. These dates are to be considered as SET IN STONE and in the event of a match needing to be rescheduled after having been set it may by mutual consent be rescheduled before the final date for matches to be completed.
5. All league and cup matches to be played by the 3rd weekend of September. In the event of a league match being abandoned or cancelled it shall be re-arranged by mutual consent.
6. If a match is cancelled within 28 days of its arranged date, unless Course Closure forced the cancellation, then a cancelling Hardy "A" club will lose 5 points and a Hardy "B" club 2 points and the matches must be reorganised.

7. A club will not be allowed to forfeit a match. Hardy League secretaries to be informed Points may be shared if promotion or relegation is not affected.
8. The results of all matches shall be communicated to secretaries as soon as possible by both teams.
9. League trophies shall be presented at the A.G.M. and KO cups at the conclusion of the second leg of the final matches.
10. A meeting of all member clubs shall be held annually in the autumn when an annual subscription shall be set.
11. **UPDATE 2018** - An emergency committee comprising two clubs selected on rota basis shall assist the secretaries in resolving any dispute. The rota will start for 2016 in an alphabetical (2018 will be – Came Down and Christchurch)

FOOD

1. Food is not mandatory for the HOME clubs to provide, however if the HOME club requests for food to be taken then the AWAY team will need to respect the HOME team's decision.
2. The full cost of meals for each team will be paid by both clubs.
3. The two captains to liaise, at least ONE week prior to the match, to decide the TYPE of meal to be had before or after the match. The AWAY captain to have the final option on type of meal.