

## **HARDY LEAGUE RULES (2016)**

**1. Each match will consist of eight singles games, maximum handicap 10, in the 'A' League; five fourball games for handicaps 11 to 18 in the 'B' League. A player can only play for first team he played for in the season regardless of joining a new club mid-season**

**2. Each game will be played over 18 holes off handicap on matchplay basis of 9/10 difference. In the 'A' League teams will play in handicap order with full handicap difference allowed.**

**3. In the 'A' League 13 points will be available for each match. One point for each game played plus Five points for the team winning overall (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. It is recommended that all matches in the HARDY "A" have a half- hour tee buffer before their matches.**

**In the 'B' League 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.**

**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 11 points, 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. League and cup matches will be played on agreed dates usually starting at 2.30pm. 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.**

**Each club shall finalise its league fixtures and send them to the secretaries by the 31<sup>st</sup> January after A.G.M. .These dates are to be considered as SET IN STONE. 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.**

**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. 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 loose 5 points and a Hardy "B" club 2 points and the matches must be reorganised. 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.**

**5. The full cost of meals for each team will be paid by both clubs. The two captains to liase, 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.**

**6. The results of all matches shall be communicated to secretaries as soon as possible by both teams.**

7. League trophies shall be presented at the A.G.M. and KO cups at the conclusion of the second leg of the final matches.

8. Both leagues will operate on a promotion and relegation basis as below, but will be subject to change at AGM.

Hardy "A" league

Div1 Seven Teams

Two to be relegated

Div2 Seven Teams

Two to be promoted and two to be relegated

Div3 Seven Teams

Two to be promoted and two to be relegated

Div4 Four Teams

Two to be promoted.

Hardy "B" league

Five divisions with two up two down. Of which Divs 1 to 4 will each consist of five teams with div 5 having 6 teams

9. **Predetermined draws will be made for cup matches and the clubs will be notified of their opponents and venues at the same time as the fixtures for the new season are announced.**

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. The final to be played over two legs.

Cup matches to be played by 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in April (1st round), last Sunday in May (2nd round), 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in July (3rd round), last Sunday in Aug (semi-finals) and both legs of final by last weekend of September. These dates shall be strictly adhered to. Dates to be set yearly.

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. League secretaries should have results in case of doubts about opponents. 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.

\*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.

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.

10. A meeting of all member clubs shall be held annually in the autumn when an annual subscription shall be set.

11. 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 manner starting with Ashley Wood & Bridport

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