



Myerscough Golf Club

Winter League

1. The Winter League will consist of 8 qualifying rounds held over consecutive weekends from Friday 5th February 2016 until Sunday 27th March 2016; followed by a final play-off competition on Saturday 9th April 2016. There are elements of the winter league (depending upon entries). The main competition, a ladies competition and a junior's competition. All entrants will play for the winter league title. There will a prize for the best placed lady competitor and the best placed junior.
2. Qualifying rounds are to be played anytime over a fixture weekend. Players will be entitled to play a qualifying round on either, Friday, Saturday or Sunday.
3. On the day of the final the first tee off will be at 09:00. All qualifiers are recommended to check in with club officials by no later than 08:30. Players arrives after and no later than 5 minutes past their tee time will incur a 2 shot penalty. If a player arrives after 5 minutes past their tee time they will be disqualified.
4. Players will be required to register £5.00 and then pay £2.50 each time they play; £2 of which will be a contribution to the main prize fund and 50p will be added to a league long "2's" competition, this include those scored in the final. There is no fee for the final. In order for any round to be eligible a player must register prior to tee off. This can be done at the sports centre reception or if no one is available via staff in the indoor practice area, players can also register via email "jbarclay@myerscough.ac.uk" or "mlander@myerscough.ac.uk" or by phone 01995 642200. Players who register in this way will be liable to pay the £2.50 fee whether they submit a score card or not. A player may withdraw their intention to play prior to their tee off. No scores will be accepted unless the player has registered for the event.
5. All qualifying rounds will be over 9 holes. The final will be played over 18 holes. All stages of the Winter League will be scored using the stableford points scoring system.
6. Competitor will play with full CONGU handicaps, providing their handicap status is active. However members without active handicaps may only use $\frac{3}{4}$ of their last registered handicap until such time their handicap becomes active. Players without a handicap will not be eligible to enter the competition until at least three 9 hole competitive score cards (signed by a club member) have been submitted, this will be considered to be your inactive handicap. Winter league qualifying rounds are eligible to count against your official handicap. Competitors are reminded that they will need to adjust their exact handicap to their 9 hole stableford handicap before score cards are submitted (See the club noticeboard).
7. Members with active handicaps will play with the following handicap limits in the competition:
 - 36 shots (18 over 9 holes) for ladies and juniors (in their respective competitions)
 - 28 shots (14 over 9 holes) for gentlemen.



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- i. Players whose handicap is higher than these limits will be allowed to take part in the league but their scores will be calculated on the appropriate maximum handicap limit.
8. Winter league handicaps will be adjusted as per their scoring in the qualification rounds. These handicap adjustments will not be recorded against your official handicaps. However your winter league final score will be submitted towards your official handicap. All player will play all rounds including the final against their club winter league handicap. Score cards for competitors who compete in the final can be adjusted and entered against their current CONGU handicap into the handicap system. A list of winter handicaps will be available on the noticeboard and on the website for each qualification round.

To ensure integrity and consistency in winter league handicaps, all score cards submitted which have a Nothing Recorded (NR) score or exceed their scoring expectation will have a substitute score applied (hole par + your handicap + 2 shots). These substitute scores will be applied to all competitions rounds except the final when full scores will be retained.

For example

- If a NR is recorded on par is 4 hole on which you receive 2 shots. A substitute score of 8 will be recorded against the hole on your score card (hole par + your handicap (2) + 2 shots).
 - In the same manner, if you scored an actual 9 on the above hole with the same handicap allowance. A substitute score of 8 would be applied to your score card.
 - If you receive 1 shot on a par 4 at substitute score of 7 will be recorded on your card.
9. All scores cards must be signed by both the player and the marker. The marker must be a member of the club. The marker must also be the playing partner. However the marker is not required to have entered the competition or be playing in that particular qualifying round. Juniors wishing to submit cards towards the competition must have at least one adult member playing in their group.
 10. Out of all possible eight qualifying rounds, competitors must have submitted at least four qualifying cards from the qualification stage. The best four rounds submitted per player count towards qualification to the final. The top nine players with the best four round total scores, including ties will automatically qualify for the final. The number of automatic qualifiers will be increased to ten players (plus ties), if the number of entrants reaches or exceed 60 qualifying competitors, those having submitted 4 or more winter league cards.
 11. A further three places will be available for the top three players who have accrued the highest total score over all qualifying rounds, if not already qualified under section 10.
 12. One further finals place will be available to the player with the highest single qualifying round score, providing at least 4 qualifying cards have been submitted and have not already qualified under section 10 or 11.



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13. In addition to the qualifiers above, a number of places will be made available to ensure that there are at least three ladies and juniors (if not already qualified) compete in the Winter league final. Ladies and juniors who qualify for their respective competitions may also compete in the men's competitions.
14. In the event of multiple fixtures being cancelled, the number of qualifying scores may be reduced. A weekend qualification round will not be cancelled if the course is closed for a single day. If the course is closed for two days, cancellation of that fixture will reside with the committee and will be dependent upon the number of entrants who were able to submit score cards. Please check the calendar on the website for any amendments.
15. The groupings for the final will be randomly drawn with view to not have any group exceeding 3 players. If this cannot be achieved, groups of 2 players will be formed up on the earlier tee off times.
16. On the day of the final the player with the highest stableford score over the 18 holes will be the winner. In the event of a tie, normal count back will apply. If still undecided the player/s with highest number of 2'scores will be deemed the winner. If still undecided then a hole by hole putting contest on the outdoor putting area will decide the winner.
17. Any Local Winter League rules will be published in reception and the indoor practice area prior to the start of each competition round. These local rules apply for each qualification round and the final if required.
18. Any issues arising during the Winter League are to be raised with the Club Professionals or to a Committee Member (See: http://myerscoughgolfclub.org.uk/myerscough_golf_club_members/new-members/ 'Page 4 – Committee/ Management Board' for a list of current Committee Members) at the earliest opportunity. No issues will be accepted once all results have been processed.

As the Winter League winner will qualify to play in the annual Pro-Am tournament the handicap limits above have been put in place. Prizes will be awarded to players placed 2nd and 3rd in the finals. There will be separate prizes for best lady player and best junior. All players making the final will be presented with a keepsake to mark qualification to the final. The winner will be announced on the day however all prizes will be presented at the Club Championship event. If winner of the winter league has already qualified for a Pro- Am tournament then the runner up will be offered the place and the prize swapped.

(With regard to the final). In special circumstances and in advance, a player may request that they are placed in the latest or later groups if they are unable to make the published tee time. However the competition will not be delayed to accommodate late arrivals. If a player misses their allocated tee off time they will be withdrawn from the final.

Note for Competitors - If there are outstanding entry fees, competitors will not be eligible to continue in the competition or enter future club competitions. If fees are not settled, Myerscough golf club reserves the right to add any outstanding competition fees to membership renewals.