

GOLF SPORT SPECIFIC RULES 2020-21

These sports specific rules are additional to the general rules which apply to all sports.

2. ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS

GF 2.1

All students playing in AoC Sport golf leagues must hold a valid active CONGU handicap and proof of handicap must be provided in the form of a certificate certified by their home club or their CDH number.

GF 2.2

All competitors must be an Amateur as defined by the rules of 'Amateur Status' as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews.

3. STAFFING

GF 3.1

All teams must be accompanied by a member of staff. However subject to the guidelines of the participating colleges, individual players may be accompanied by a parent or may be unaccompanied.

4. ADMINISTRATION OF LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

Team nett and gross competition format:

GF 4.1

Teams can be mixed and will consist of a maximum of four students with the best 3 nett and gross scores to count.

GF 4.2

A college may enter unlimited teams into the competition.

GF 4.3

Within the league each college with a team entry is expected to host one 18-hole stroke play event in the year, and pay any green fees required by the golf club

hosting the event for all golfers from colleges playing in the team event, including individuals.

GF 4.4

All rounds should be played on a golf course affiliated to the English Golf Union, with a standard scratch score.

GF 4.5

Women will play off the ladies' tees on the day and their gross score will, if necessary, be adjusted to compensate for any difference in SSS between the two sets of tees. (For example, a woman shooting a gross 72, will be adjusted to a 70, should the Ladies SSS be two strokes higher than the men's, and handicap remains the same. This will align the women's score with the men's and base the scores solely on the score to the SSS) This needs to be agreed before the start of each league fixture, depending on whether there will be a standard scratch on the day.

GF 4.6

Where there is a differential between the male and the female par for each course, the gross score will be adjusted accordingly.

GF 4.7

For the purposes of the competition, each player playing the course with the higher par must have his/her score reduced by the difference in the par for the course.

GF 4.8

Colleges must submit the names and handicaps of players in their teams to the host college at least ten days before the fixture so that tee times can be circulated seven days before the event.

Individual gross competition format:

GF 4.9

All players entered into the team competition will also be entered in the individual competition.

GF 4.10

Colleges may enter individuals to each event, with each player being charged a green fee on the day of each event, payable by the college or individual direct to the club or host college.

GF 4.11

Colleges must confirm names and handicaps of all players at least ten days before the fixture so that the host college can circulate tee times seven days before the event.

5. DETERMINATION OF LEAGUES

Team nett and gross competitions:

GF 5.1

There will be a gross and nett format using Full Handicap allowance.

GF 5.2

Points will be awarded based on the total number of college teams in the league. If there are 4 teams in a league, team with the lowest team nett score would receive 4 points, second place 3 points, third 2 points, etc. The same process will be used in the gross competition.

GF 5.3

Should there be a tie for places in the nett competition, the team with the student shooting the lowest nett score will be given the higher place. The same process will be used in the gross competition.

GF 5.4

Where this does not produce a result, the placings will be decided on the lowest total score for all four players. If a tie still arises on the lowest total score for all four, then the score over the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 hole will be used. Where a team does not have 4 players, they will lose the tie.

GF 5.5

Should a team not return a score for a round (i.e. Not have enough players to compete in a round), then the college team will score 0 points for the round, but the scores recorded by each player will count towards the individual competition.

GF 5.6

If there is a tie between teams at the conclusion of the league, then the team with the most league wins will decide the winner. If this does not determine the winner then the most 2nd places, 3rd places, etc will be used.

Individual gross competition:

GF 5.7

The gross score of each competitor will carry forward to the next round.

GF 5.8

The winner of the competition will be the player with the lowest total gross score from all rounds.

GF 5.9

If there is a tie after all rounds have been played, the result shall be decided on the lowest score for the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 hole of the final 18 holes. Thereafter the score for the previous round will be treated in the same way until a decision is reached.

8. FIXTURE CONFIRMATION & CONDITIONS OF PLAY

GF 8.1

Which college team hosts each round and when, will be decided regionally. Disputes will be resolved by the other colleges in the competition. All rounds will, as far as possible, take place on a Wednesday during term time at a reasonable start time to allow all colleges to travel to the event.

GF 8.2

Contact details should be shared between all team managers at the start of the year.

GF 8.3

The final date for the league to be completed will be the 12 May 2021 including any rearranged fixtures. Colleges entering this competition must accept that completion of fixtures within this time scale must take priority over other competitions.

GF 8.4

If a team arrives late to an event, the tee times may be re-arranged at the discretion of the other team managers.

GF 8.5

Excluding illness or injury, all players should complete 18 holes of golf at each tour event, regardless of whether they have 'No Returned'.

GF 8.6

Any college team submitting false information or playing an ineligible player(s) may be withdrawn from the competition.

GF 8.7

Should a fixture not be played or abandoned due to bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances, it is the host college's responsibility to rearrange the event on a date agreeable to all other colleges.

GF 8.8

During the winter months, if necessary, courses may contain temporary greens or winter tees to produce a result.

GF 8.9

All rounds should be played in accordance with local club rules, the rules of golf and within the spirit of the game.

GF 8.10

If play is suspended and all rounds cannot be completed a majority vote between team managers will determine how many holes make the competition valid. All golfers must complete at least 9 holes for the event to be valid.

GF 8.11

Results – For each event it is the host college team's responsibility to collect cards and produce a provisional result on the day, as well as ensuring all score sheets to be submitted to AoC Sport to record and display. It is the host college responsibility to check and confirm all scores before informing the AoC Sport Competition Administrator of the result, within 48 hours of the fixture. (All team managers should be prepared to assist the host college with the checking of results and collation of scores).