

# 1 Name of the Association

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1.1 The name of the Association is South Deaf Golf Association (formerly Southern Deaf Golf Association February 2002 - January 2008) also known as "SDGA"

## 2 SDGA Logo and Stationery

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2.1 The Logo is designed with South Deaf Golf Association embroidered with a picture; a map of South England with a flag 2002 pinpointed in Sussex in memory of Cliff Britton who was the Founder of SDGA

2.2 The main heading, South Deaf Golf Association, inserted with Georgia Italic font and in green colour (shown on the front page), is printed on the Membership, League Entry and Competition's forms also on any other main events and letters

2.3 Any change of size, shape and colour only to be agreed by the Committee

## 3 Aims and Objectives of the Association

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3.1 To promote the social, sporting and leisure interests for the Deaf people residing in the South of England. The objective of the Association shall be to help and provide opportunities throughout the community for the social and sporting interests, giving information and advice, to all its members

3.2 To make the public aware, the needs for the Deaf people taking part in the social, sports and leisure activities

3.3 To support the co-operation and serviceable relationship between the members, representatives, officers and all committee in the community of the Association

## 4 Memberships

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4.1 At present the Annual Membership costs £12 per year, from February 1<sup>st</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup> until the AGM when it will be reviewed

4.2 Players are not allowed to play in competitions before paying their membership fee

4.3 The membership is open to anyone who is: Profoundly deaf, hard of hearing or hearing people closely related to a member

4.4 **ONLY** one hearing member closely related to a deaf member per Club may be included in the League & competitions

4.5 When joining the Association a member must agree to respect the Constitution Rules and sign the agreements to abide by our rules and the game of Golf and equittee with tick box in membership form.

4.6 Subscriptions are due from 1<sup>st</sup> February annually. Membership must be paid in full 14 days, before the start of the season or, before the next league match

4.7 New members can join anytime on payment of full membership for any SDGA competitions except for league matches which must be paid no less than 14 days in advance of the next match

4.8 The Discipline Committee has the right to cancel out any membership for those who do not respect or disobeys the rules

## 5 Honorary Officers and Committee Members

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5.1 The Honorary Officers of the Association shall be as follows:-

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- East & West Officers
- Handicap Officer
- Website Officer
- Assistant Secretary and Treasurer

5.2 The Committee Members of the Association will be known as Club Representatives

## 6 Elections for the Committee of Management

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6.1 A person with experience must be a member of the Association for 2 (two) years to be considered for election as an Officer

6.2 To be elected for Secretary, the person must have good knowledge of general secretary work

6.3 To be elected for Treasurer, the person must have good knowledge of general treasurer work

6.4 To be elected for Chairperson, the person must have good knowledge and has been on the Board of Committee for 3 (three) years or more. If no one wants it, then it can be elected from the floor

6.5 If one representative who is absent to attend the committee meeting, must inform the secretary for the replacement representative, Each Club of golf society to represent any member to stand for their clubs at the SDGA's on competitions meeting all time

6.6 The Chairperson will select members to form a Discipline team

6.7 Before giving services to SDGA all Officers and Committee must have full understanding and respect the SDGA Rules and Organisation Structure

6.8 The Honorary Officers and the Committee shall be elected by the members at the AGM and shall hold office for 2 years before re-election can take place

6.9 The nominees for Officers shall be proposed and seconded from the floor on the day of the AGM, name of proposer and seconder must be member of SDGA for at least one year or more

6.10 If more people apply for a post then we need a vote to be taken by show of hands

## 7 Management Committee

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7.1 The Management Committee will act with total respect for SDGA

7.2 There shall be a maximum of 12 (twelve) and a minimum of 3 (three) members, one of them must be a main Officer of the Committee in attendance at each meeting

7.3 There must be at least 3 (three) to 5 (five) Committee Meetings per year

7.4 The Secretary must keep record of all Minutes from the Committee meetings and send the Agenda/Minutes to the Committee at least two weeks prior for the next meeting

7.5 Before the start of a meeting, all Committee members and those attending must be informed the health and safety procedures of the property or see the notices displayed

7.6 The Chairperson shall run the meeting. If not unavailable then the Secretary will run the meeting. If both cannot be present then the Committee members, as long an Officer is available, can choose to act as Chair for this meeting as a one off

7.7 All meetings must have the Minutes and an Account Report on hand and signed

7.8 The Committee shall meet at the premises to discuss all sorts of matters with interest for the Association and all details of the Agenda will be giving in writing

7.9 Three (3) members of the Committee, with the Chairperson or one (1) Officer is the minimum number of the Committee that can be present

7.10 If any votes by the Committee present in a meeting, ended in equal, then the Chairperson makes the final decision

7.11 If any Officer resigns between elections, the post can be filled by one of the Committee members until the next AGM. If someone is needed urgently a temporary post can be arranged from any member elected by SDGA until the next AGM

7.12 One third of the Discipline Committee present (minimum of 3) may, after making inquiries, suspend or expel any members who has not acted within the Rules

7.13 Any members, including from the Committee that has been suspended or expelled, will not be allowed to vote or make decision for the Association

7.14 Before the Committee suspends or expels any member, the Secretary will write a letter and send to the member in question informing them of the details of the rules broken and the action which is being thought to be taken. The member will be given an option to attend the meeting or give a written account to the Committee within 28 (twenty eight) days' notice

7.15 In the event of the Association being closed, any surplus funds shall be shared as managed by the combined Committee of each Club at an Extraordinary General Meeting

## 8 Voting Powers

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8.1 Members shall have the right to vote at the SDGA AGM, Special or Extraordinary General Meeting on matters of the Association policy

## 9 Annual General Meeting

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9.1 The AGM will be held in January each year. The date will be announced at the end of the AGM allowing the Secretary to make a booking in good time ready for the next AGM

9.2 The Secretary will send emails/letters, the AGM Agenda/Minutes and the Audit Account, out to all members 6 weeks before the next AGM, including the Proposals/Motions with a deadline date that the members must send to the Secretary at least 7 (seven) to 14 (fourteen) days before the fixed AGM date. (The Secretary shall circulate the final list of the proposals, along with the agenda of the AGM on that day)

9.3 The Officers and Committees shall be elected at the AGM for a period of two years

9.4 Emails or letters send to the Secretary/Chairperson shall inform the resignation of positions on the Management Committee four weeks before the AGM fixed date for the meeting

9.5 Those nominated must be proposed and seconded by SDGA members on the day of the AGM as well the nominated must be on the floor on the day of AGM

9.6 Every member is allowed only one vote and no more. In the case of equal votes, the Chairperson has the final vote

9.7 The Secretary shall keep the Minutes from all General meetings

9.8 The motion proposed by members must be seconded by a member of the SDGA. The proposer shall discuss the motion and voting can take place at the AGM

9.9 The Committee has the power to give the emergency ordinary changes for the AGM

9.10 Non member is not eligible to vote in the AGM

## 10 Legal

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10.1 The Officers, Committees, and the Association shall not be liable for any loss of damage or injury to the person or property of the members, guests or visitors

## 11 Finance

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11.1 The financial year of the SDGA shall run from 1<sup>st</sup> February to 31<sup>st</sup> January, or such other period as the Management Committee shall decide

11.2 The funds of the SDGA shall be banked in the name of South Deaf Golf Association

11.3 There shall be one Bank Account, which shall be held by SDGA

11.4 All payment and invoices shall be directed to SDGA Treasurer

11.5 The Committee shall have the rights to approve or refuse a withdrawal request and a reason will be given

11.6 If for any reason golfer can't attend competition and asking for refund must do so in writing to secretary within 1 week after the competitions starts, Same applied on the day within a very good reason and show medical report from Doctor and or other specific must be within 5 working days after the competitions, the committee will decide whether to refund or not also depending on the hotel and golf club whether they will give golfer either full or less refund.

11.6 a Deposit is not refundable without any good reason

11.7 Any payment made by Events Organiser/Club Representative on behalf of SDGA must be proven with a receipt given to the Treasurer. Upon invoicing of this, the Treasurer will arrange payment. If a receipt is not given to the Treasurer then the payment will not be made. In exceptional circumstances the Committee member must explain before purchase, that a receipt will not be given in writing and the Committee will approve this first before the payment is made

11.8 The Accounts shall be completed before the AGM. In the case of a Treasurer resigning, the account must be updated and signed before handing over to the new Treasurer. At the AGM the new account statement shall have the signature of both Treasurers

11.9 All receipts must be given to the Treasurer **by October 31<sup>st</sup>**

## 12 Accounts

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12.1 The Management Committee shall require accounting records to be in a clear record

12.2 The Accounting records shall be kept by the Treasurer

12.3 The Management Committee shall from time to time be prepared at general meetings to show the profit and loss accounts, balance sheets, group accounts and reports as necessary

12.4 A copy of every balance sheet, Auditors and Management Committee Report to be sent to every member not less than 14 days before the date of AGM

12.5 Every Committee meeting, the account report must be shown to the Committee for up to date information

## 13 The Rules of SDGA Awareness

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13.1 The Committee cannot accept any responsibility for its members or their guest's property that may be lost or damaged in the clubs or in their car's parking areas (it is the Owner's responsibility)

13.2 The SDGA Constitution Rules cannot be changed except at an AGM or an Extraordinary Meeting

13.3 Any member who has a complaint against the Committee or another member of the club shall inform the Chairperson or Secretary by letter of their grievance

13.4 Travelling expenses may be claimed ONLY with the approval of the Management Committee for whatever the travelling expenses are for

## 14 Competitions & its Rules

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14.1 There are 8 (eight) major Annual trophies which are:-

- The League Trophy (donated by Ian Gray - 2002)
- The Team Shield (SDGA - 2002)
- The Pairs Shield (SDGA - 2002)
- The Singles Cup (donated by Steve Earle - 2007)
- The Open Championship Cup (SDGA - 2002)
- The Challenge Cup (donated by Gerald Franks - 2005)
- The Stableford Shield (donated by Steve Earle - 2010)
- The Order of Merit Trophy (donated by Steve Earle - 2009)
- Ladies Open Championship Winner Shield (SDGA- 2011)
- Lady of the Year (donated by Peter Gray - 2010)

### 14.2 The League Trophy (& its Rules Number 17)

- The League Championship starts from March until July
- Maximum 14 Clubs / Minimum 8 Clubs to be split evenly into the East & West Zones
- Format of play:- 4 Singles Match play -  $\frac{3}{4}$  handicap given for strokes
- Winners and Runners up from both Zones qualify for the Finals to be played in September
- In final the players increase to 5 players per club.
- 4 gifts for the Winners, Runners up, third and fourth place

### 14.3 The Team Shield

- Team Championship to be played in April
- Format of play:- Stableford - Full Handicap
- 4 players for a team - Best 3 out of 4 scorecards to count for the highest aggregate score
- One Trophy for Team winner
- 8 vouchers each for Winners & Runners up

### 14.4 The Pairs Shield

- The Pairs Championship to be played in June
- Format of play:- Stableford - Full Handicap
- 2 scorecards to count for aggregate score
- One Trophy for Pairs winner
- 4 Voucher for Winners and Runners up - If more than 18 pairs, 2 voucher for 3<sup>rd</sup> placed

### 14.5 The Singles Cup

- The Singles Championship to be played in August
- Format of play:- Strokeplay - Full handicap
- In two category as Low and High Handicap (Gross & Nett)
- Four trophies for Single winner as Low and High Handicaps (Gross & Nett)
- 4 Voucher for Winner and Runner up 2 vouchers as High and 2 vouchers as Low Handicap.

### 14.6 The Open Trophy

- The Open weekend Championships to be played in August
- The Open is for members and non-members
- Format of play:- Medal (Gross and Nett) - Low Handicap
- Format of Play:- Stableford - High Handicap
- The organiser will decide which player will play in Strokeplay and Stableford groups.
- 3 rounds of golf - 1 round for practice and 2 main rounds for aggregate score
- Two Trophies for Gross & Nett Winner and Runner up Low Handicap Categories
- Two trophies for Stableford Winner and Runner up
- 8 Vouchers for Winners and Runners up (4 for Low handicaps & 4 for High handicaps Categories)
- One trophy for Ladies winner as best gross score.
- 2 vouchers for Ladies winner and runner up

### 14.7 The Challenge Match

- The Challenge Match, along with the Presentation Night, to be held in October
- The selected Captains for East & West will be for 1 years
- The Captains will pick max 18 players each or less for the East v West Challenge Match
- Handicap different for High and Low should be given as 7/8 shots



- Format of play:- Fourball to best 2 balls Match play
- Max 19 gifts (depending the numbers of players) for the Winners only

#### 14.8 The Stableford Shield (& its Rules Number 18)

- Members can play on any competitions as mentioned below apart from League (Matchplay) competitions from March until End of August
- Best 5 Stableford points results will be counted for the Stableford Shield challenge trophy.
- Results can come from the followings:- Team, Pairs, Singles, Open Championship and one scorecard from own societies' competitions between March/ April, May/June and July/August However Representatives from each societies' competition must inform Handicap, East or West Officers one week before the date of the matches to be played as bona fide scores to be counted.
- One Trophy and a voucher for the Winner
- Second and third place will get Voucher prizes

#### 14.9 The Order of Merit Trophy

- The Order of Merit is based on the player's performance in all competitions
- The player with the highest points overall will be the Winner
- One Trophy and a voucher for the Winner only

14.10 All Annual trophies and gifts will be awarded at the Presentation Night

## 15 The Competition Rules

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15.1 For the Teams and Pairs Championships the Club Captains must be responsible naming the players for their team, even it can be Team A, B, C if they have enough players, then hand in the team list to the Event Organiser before the start of play

15.2 For the Stroke play Competitions, the member must be responsible of putting the correct handicap on their scorecard before the start of play, also to check the correct score on each hole before they sign the card and hand in to the Event Organiser straight after their game

15.3 A member already played for their club in a competitions will be not allowed to play for another club however if one club has two or more teams for the league competition and any players allow to play for the Team and pairs and also if the members who hasn't enter the league competitions or Deaf Golf Society and to allow them to play any club as team and Pairs competitions.

15.4 You must provide proof of a Medical Certificate (for sports purposes) for allowing the use of the buggy in major competitions and inform the Secretary, Chairperson and Event Organiser for their permission to use the buggy

15.5 Senior Golfer (over 50's) to use the buggy for any competition unless they wish.



- 15.6 All payment will be sent only to the Treasurer, not the Event Organisers, and once the Treasurer receive it, they will inform the Organisers as soon as possible
- 15.7 Event Organisers (Clubs to take in turn) has the responsibility to find a venue to run the competition including providing the trophies ready for the Presentation Awards
- 15.8 All players to arrive in good time & report to the Event Organisers within an hour before their start of play
- 15.9 Do wear sensible golfing clothes & proper golf shoes on the golf course
- 15.10 Do not wear Jeans, boxing/rugby/football shirts, shorts, crew neck t-shirts, running vests, tank shirts and trainers in the clubhouse or on the course
- 15.11 The Association agrees to abide by the Rules of Golf as laid down by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews/English Golf Union.
- 15.12 The Committee has the power to decide for any competitions such as changing the format of play
- 15.13 For the Open Championships, there will be no best 3 or 4 players in the final tee group
- 15.14. The use of White or yellow tees is permitted in Team, Pairs, Singles, and Open competition, only by the decision of 'host organiser' and the approval of the golf club."
- 15.15 Rules Officer for any competitions apart for the league, the host organiser is selection one rule officer from committee member or expert of the golf rules on the day to inspect the day of the golf Game and if didn't resolved the situation and last resort to Pro Shop to be decide the situations
- 15.16 Rules officer as 15.14 for league as two captains as Home and Away club to inspect the rules of golf.
- 15.17 West v East Challenge - At present captains chooses any player from their sections. Want similar system to 'Ryder Cup' to give fair advantage to players who played a lot or place during the season. The final positions of top 18 players in West or East section automatically qualify after The Open Championship. If any player can't go, the captain chooses any player outside top 18.
- 15.18 East and West old captain are not to pick members from their own club must be another club when selecting another captain for the challenge cup
- 15.19 Challenge Cup / Presentations Evening:- To make venue an accessible for every member and it means that the venue will be held somewhere in the middle of south of England. The venue somewhere near Slough is a starting point and perhaps around 25/30 miles from this point.
- 15.20 **Ranking Points for Challenge Match its Rules**
- 15.21 The Players get ranking point formats following *see page 14*

### 15.22 Overalls for Ranking Points.

After Open Championship competitions finished in August, Overalls for two sections above to final positions will be finalised for top 3 players per club to qualify automatically for East & West Challenge (18 players each), but if any one player from top 3 can't go to the next step as 4<sup>th</sup> towards in order and not mix. The Handicap Officer will check the results and produce the Challenge Match List on the website.

## 16 The Handicap & its Rules

16.1 The Handicap Officer is responsible to ensure all members' handicap is correct and inform the Website Officer to put the Member & Handicap List on the website

16.2 The Membership & Handicap List shown on the website will be updated after every game

16.3 The members also the Club Captains must check their handicap on the website before their match otherwise if they give the wrong handicap (higher than your present), they can be penalised in Match play or disqualified in Stroke play competitions

16.4 Before you begin your game in Stroke play competitions, it is your responsibility to put in the correct handicap on the scorecard

16.5 Please *see page 15* as handicap formats for society handicap only

16.5 For all competitions, all winners (Stroke play games either from Stableford or Gross/Nett) will get a category handicap cut

16.6 Any player who member Golf Club use handicap use their formula by CONGU Standard any change please inform handicap Officer immediately

16.8 New members without a handicap, that want to enter in the League, must give their best 3 signed scorecards from the last 3 months to the Handicap Officer to obtain a handicap proof

## 17 The League & its Rules

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17.1 A £40 registration fee is required from Clubs if they wish to take part in the League

17.2 Maximum handicap 28 for Men and 36 for Ladies

17.3 Teams are allowed a maximum of 4 players and a minimum of 2 players in every match. New members are required to **submit 3 (three) best completed scorecards from the last 6 (six) months** to the East & West League Officers & Handicap Officer for their handicap before being allowed to play in the League unless they have their recent handicap proof from their club.

17.4 Minimum of 4 matches and Maximum of 6 matches to be played in a season. If 3 or 4 teams in a league section, home AND away to be played. If 5, 6 or 7 teams in a league section, alternate every season home OR away.

17.5 Any members playing for their Club who has renewed their annual SDGA membership fee before the start of the new League season will be part of "a club team" (including the Team & Pairs Championships) The member will be able to qualify for the final as long as they have played at least one League match.

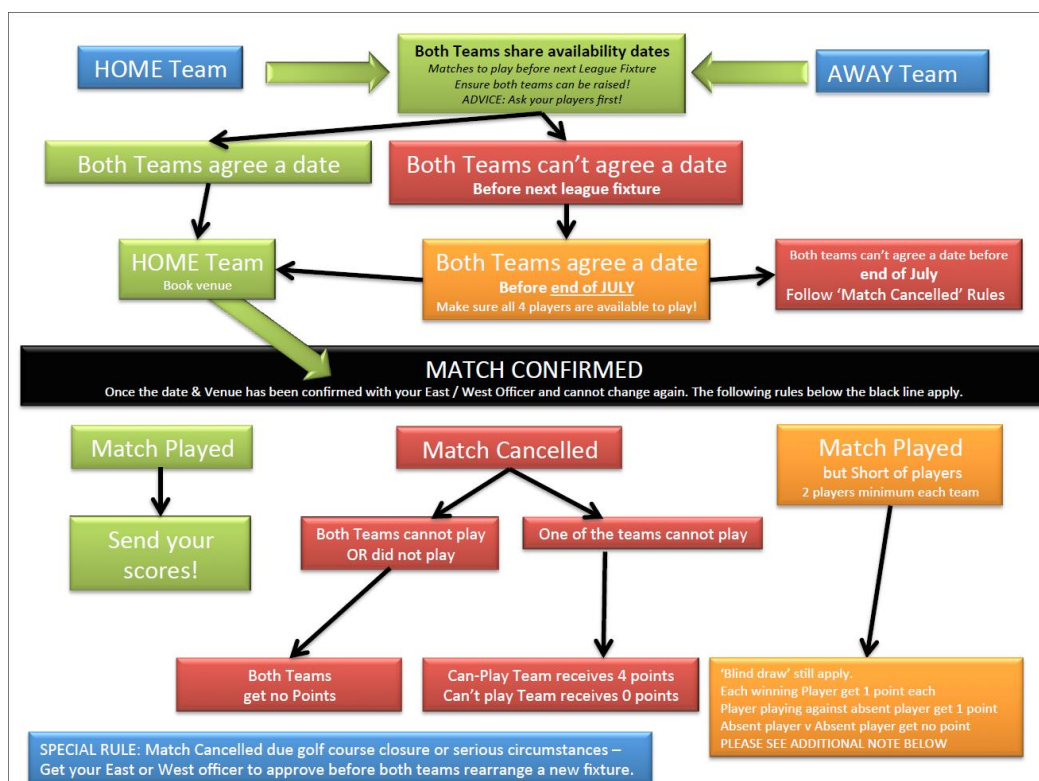
17.6 New members who join SDGA either before or after the start of the season must play at least one league matches to qualify for the final. If the new member joined after the new season and missed one or more league match, the person has to play one league matches to enter the final

17.7 A fine of £50 will be made against Clubs who drop out or failing to complete the entire league matches before the end of the season, unless there are very good reasons. Any Clubs who refused to pay the fine will be banned from entering the future league until the whole debt is paid

17.8 (League final) Trophy will be for Winners only and the prize will be gifts to Winners, Runner Up, Third & Fourth place.

17.9 The East & West League officers will provide Clubs with fixed dates & result forms.

All teams are expected to follow the new protocol as shown in the chart (see picture below). Please also inform your East or West Officers the confirmation dates of matches to be played. This will become bona fide fixture for both teams. The Club captain or representative will inform their League officer the result of the match (final Score and Scanned or photo of the result sheets) either by Text messaging or email as per instruction as in the corner of the result sheets within 5 days after the match. Fail to conform the 'sending the results' protocol will be dealt by the SDGA Committee, and a suitable action will be imposed on the Society, Team, Captain or representative.



**Match Played but Short of players**  
2 players minimum each team

Match can be played for total 4 points for both teams

Team A	4	players	Vs	Team B	4	players
Player 1				Player 1		
Player 2				Player 2		
Player 3				Player 3		
Player 4				Player 4		
Result	v			Result		

Match can be played for total 4 points for team A or 3 points for Team B

Team A	4	players	Vs	Team B	3	players
Player 1				Player 1		
Player 2				Player 2		
Player 3				Player 3		
Player 4				Absent		
Result	v			Result		

Match can be played for total 4 points for team A or 2 points for Team B

Team A	4	players	Vs	Team B	2	players
Player 1				Player 1		
Player 2				Player 2		
Player 3				Absent		
Player 4				Absent		
Result	v			Result		

Match can be played for total 3 points for team A or 2 points for Team B

Team A	3	players	Vs	Team B	2	players
Player 1				Player 1		
Player 2				Player 2		
Player 3				Absent		
Absent				Absent		
Result	v			Result		

Match can be played for total 2 points for both teams

Team A	2	players	Vs	Team B	2	players
Player 1				Player 1		
Player 2				Player 2		
Absent				Absent		
Absent				Absent		
Result	v			Result		

Match cannot be played in this system for total 4 points when teams bring 2/3 players each

Team A	3	players	Vs	Team B	2	players
Player 1				Player 1		
Player 2				Player 2		
Player 3				Absent		
Absent				Absent		
Result	v			Result		

Match cannot be played in this system for total 4 points when teams bring 2 players each

Team A	2	players	Vs	Team B	2	players
Player 1				Player 1		
Player 2				Player 2		
Absent				Absent		
Absent				Absent		
Result	v			Result		

These are some examples of format if your or other teams have 1 or 2 players short in the team.

The golden rule is very simple:-

- 'Blind draw' still apply but keeping player Vs Players where possible. (less of Player Vs Absent)
- If you bring 2 players/team = 2 possible points to score Maximum
- If you bring 3 players/team = 3 possible points to score Maximum
- If you bring 4 players/team = 4 possible points to score Maximum
- Each winning Player get 1 point each
- Player playing against absent player get 1 point
- Absent player v Absent player get no point
- **DO NOT USE 'BAD SYSTEM'**

Bad System

17.10 The League will be played in points. For example if one match finished 3-1, one team gets 3 points; the other team gets one point. If in another match ended 2-2, both teams get 2 points each. If the top teams finished with the same number of points, after completing all their matches, then it will be decided on Match play Sum difference, The Winner and Runner up of each Zone league will qualify automatically for the finals where the winners compete for the League Cup & the Runners up for the third & fourth place

17.11 The League Finals will be played at a neutral course selected by the League Officers

17.12 A new member who already has a handicap and wishing to qualify for a league match must inform the League Officers and SDGA Secretary 14 days prior to the match. A new member must have played at least one matches to qualify for the Finals unless paid before the start of the season

17.13 League matches to be done by "Blind draw". Three quarters of the handicap to be given, for example a player off 26 handicap drawn against a 14 handicap receives 9 strokes (26-14=12, then take  $\frac{3}{4}$  of 12=9) A full round of 18 holes to be completed even if the match is won prior to this.

17.14 If a lady i.e. off 36 handicap gets drawn against a man i.e. off 16 handicap, the lady plays off the Red tees BUT use the Men's index strokes & Men's Pars 36-16=20 then three quarters of 20 = 15 including 2 extra shot given for **only on Stroke Index 1 & 2**. It means the lady gets 2 shots instead of just one from Stroke Index 1 & 2. For example on Stroke Index 1 is Par 5, the man scored a 5 & the lady scored a 7 (-2=5), it counts as a half. On Stroke Index 2 is Par 4, a man scored a 5 & the lady a 6 (-2=4) the lady wins the hole.

- 17.15 The Home and Away teams will select a suitable date and tee times together. Once both teams have agreed the date and tee times, the Home team then will book the venue and Tee times.
- 17.16 Clubs should inform the League officers and SDGA Secretary before the match is played. In the event of any difficulties, please follow the chart protocol and/ or contact your league officers.
- 17.17 With good reason, as long both captains agree, a player arriving late for a match is allowed to join the team at any point of the 18 holes. For example if a player, who is late, turns up at the 4th tee, the player will be 3 down against the opponent
- 17.18 A player will be awarded one point for a win counted as "a walkover" and zero point in Match play Sum if not being able to play against an opponent in the "Blind draw"
- 17.19 No mobile texting (Club to Club) unless text to inform that they have just sent an email for arranging a match. Once it has been agreed then sends emails to League officers & Secretary for proof
- 17.20 If very bad or serious weather on the day or during play in the first 9 holes, the captains must make a decision to agree to cancel play and will be counted as a 2-2 draw. If the match is in the stage of 2nd 9 holes, the result will count regardless, for example if a player is 2 up on the 14<sup>th</sup> hole & no more play due to serious weather, the player will be counted one point for a win and 2 up for the Match play Sum difference
- 17.21 Players must be aware that Match play rules are different to Stroke play rules as in Match play can be loss of hole to the Stroke play with penalty of 1 or 2 shots. To know more about the rules, it is wise to have a small R&A Rules golf book in your golf bag to save any disputes; also you can go on the internet [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org) to understand the rules of golf
- 17.22 Players can be penalised, like loss of hole, if giving false rules to fool their opponents
- 17.23 Play with total honesty & in good sportsmanship throughout the match
- 17.24 Fixed League dates for the following year along with the League entry form with the deadline date will be sent by the League officers by the end of October to all Club representatives
- 17.25 The Club representatives must send the League entry form /cheque by the deadline date end of January to the Treasurer, failing to do so will not be accepted for the League
- 17.26, Match play must be played with Match play format only. Players in the league competition cannot also play for Stableford points challenge or any other competition at the same time. Other players, not playing in the league competition are advised to play in another tee group. *'Advised' in this expression could also meant the 'fun or Stableford shield' player might be playing solo, and can play together in the match play group but may not interfere the match.*

## 18 The Stableford Shield Rules

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18.1 The Stableford Shield is open for any or every member of SDGA



18.2 One Trophy and voucher will be for the Winner and runner up & third place will received voucher from the Stableford Shields

18.3 To qualify for the Stableford Shield, you need **four** best scorecards for the best average total score (The Handicap Officer can receive 8 scorecards or more from one player throughout the season and pick the four best scores)

18.4 Any scorecard can be from the league and non-league matches including the Finals, the Single/Team competition, the Pair's competition and only **one** best scorecard from the 2 (two) main rounds of the Open Championships **even** for the members who are not selected for their team

18.5 The members, who are not involved in the league matches, must inform the Club Secretary/Captain two (2) to four (4) weeks if they want to play with any other non-league members

18.6 If there are two (2) or more members, then the scorecards can be exchanged between the members. It can be two (2) members from the same club or one (1) member from one (1) Club and other member from another different Club

18.7 If there is only one non-league member available then he/she cannot use their score for the Stableford Shield (unless agreed by the two (2) League Captains to arrange the tee groupings)

18.8 Non-league members **must not** interfere with the league members so it is the Captains' responsibility to sort out the tee groupings before the start of play

18.9 After any league and non-league games, all signed scorecards will be given to the Captains to send along with the result league score sheets to the League Secretaries who will sent the scorecards to the Handicap Officer

18.10 With the scorecards, write down the number of strokes (gross) on every hole; if you fail to complete on any hole then put a dash on that hole. (**Please do not write** down the Stableford points)

18.11 The scorecards, from Stroke play competitions, need to be checked, agreed and then signed by every player after their game before handing to the Event Organiser to do up the results before giving all scorecards to the Handicap Officer

18.12 The Handicap Officer and another person will check the results and produce the Stableford points before it goes on the Stableford League Table in the website. The website will be updated throughout the season

18.13 Players must be complete 18 holes of any golf competitions or league matches to qualify in stableford Shield. Unfinished round won't be added in Stableford Shield

18.14 The Stableford Shield will be awarded at the Presentation Night.

### **Ranking Points from 15.21**

**SDGA EAST v WEST CHALLENGE MATCH  
RANKING POINTS SYSTEM**

LEAGUE MATCHPLAY -  
 won by 13th hole = 10 points  
 won on 14th hole = 9 points  
 won on 15th hole = 8 points  
 won on 16th hole = 7 points  
 won on 17th hole = 6 points  
 won on 18th hole = 5 points  
 all square = 4 points each  
 lost 17/18th hole = 3 points  
 lost 15/16th hole = 2 points  
 lost before 14th hole = 1 point

TEAM, PAIRS & SINGLES  
 1st place = 20 points  
 2nd place = 19 points  
 3rd place = 18 points  
 so on to 19th place = 2 point  
 below 20th place get 1 point  
 Team & Pairs positions decide  
 by stableford points order.  
 Singles positions decide by  
 Nett strokeplay order.

STABLEFORD SHIELD ONLY  
 over 40 sp = 5 points  
 37-39 sp = 4 points  
 34-36 sp = 3 points  
 31-33 sp = 2 point  
 0-30 sp = 1 point

ALL PLAYERS INVOLVED ANY LEAGUE OR COMPETITIONS ARE GUARANTEED MINIMUM 1 POINT

TOP 2 PLAYERS FROM EACH CLUB AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFY

REMAINING PLAYERS WILL BE PICKED BY EAST OR WEST CAPTAINS.

EAST CAPTAIN - NIKOLAS MURLEY

WEST CAPTAIN - NEIL MUSSLEWHITE

**Handicap system page from 16.5**

**SDGA HANDICAP SYSTEM FOR 2015 SEASON - Stableford points system**

Handicap	0 to 29 sp	30 to 36 sp	37 & 38 sp	39 & 40 sp	41 & 42 sp	max 43 sp
0 to 9	0.2 up	no change	0.2 down	0.5 down	0.7 down	1.0 down
10 to 18	0.2 up	no change	0.5 down	1.0 down	1.5 down	2.0 down
19 to 23	0.2 up	no change	0.7 down	1.5 down	2.2 down	3.0 down
24 to 36	0.2 up	no change	1.0 down	2.0 down	3.0 down	4.0 down

This Handicap system will be used in Stableford Shield, Team Championship, Pairs Championship, Singles Championship, Open Championship.

**Won't be used in League Matchplay.** Any player not playing in League matchplay can play in Stableford Shield instead which Handicap system will be used.