

SECF LEAGUE RULES 2008

There will be 4 fixtures assigned to each club; the home team has responsibility for contacting their visitors to arrange a mutually convenient date. No extra fixtures can be arranged in any of the leagues. If a match cannot be arranged in a league please contact Richard Hilditch as soon as possible to arrange an alternative match with another team in the same situation. Up to 2 substitutes may be used by a team during a match (for subsequent rounds of play).

In the U league each match consists of 7 games, a round of 2 singles and a doubles and a round of 4 singles contested by teams of 4 players. In the B league each match consists of 3 games, 2 singles and a doubles contested by teams of 4 players. There is no restriction on which 2 players play in the doubles game. The singles games will be paired in handicap order in the B league and the 4 singles round in the U league. Unless agreed in advance, any other games played will be treated as purely friendly and will not count towards the league match. All games are played handicap. If a lawn is less than 2/3 size normal handicap differences are reduced by a factor of 2/3. All singles games on full size lawns should be entered in the Automatic Handicap System. The maximum association handicaps are 20 (singles or doubles). Each game will be a full 26-point game. There will be a time limit of 3 1/4 hours on each game.

In the GL league teams will be listed in ascending handicap order A to D versus a to d. In the morning A and B will play doubles against a and b and C will play d and D will play C. In the afternoon the players will play singles in order (a total of 7 matches). Each match comprises a best of 3 13-point level play games.

In the GH league each match consists of 9 13-point handicap games (law 16) contested by teams of 4 players. There will be three rounds: 2 doubles, 4 singles, and 2 singles and 1 doubles. GH and GL matches will use the current CA-approved rules.

All golf croquet players shall bring their handicap cards otherwise they must play off 6 or the handicap specified in table 3 of the CA's Golf Croquet handicapping guide where they have an association handicap of below 6.

The winning team earns 3 league points and the losing team earns 1 league point (thus giving credit for arranging and turning up to matches). A walkover (for 3 points) can be claimed if the opposing team fails to appear or if the match is cancelled within 48 hours of the start time.

The league winners will be the teams with the most league points. If there is a two-way tie at the top of the U league between teams that have not played, there shall be a playoff. Otherwise, ties will be decided by head to head matches, percentage games won and then by a playoff. Any playoff will be held before 30 April 2009. The winner of the U league shall be eligible for entry into the Secretary's Shield competition for 2009.

Only members of a club may play for that club. A player may only play for a single club in each league, but may play for different clubs in the 4 leagues. A team may comprise more than one small club. When a club enters more than one team in a league players may only play for one team.

Both teams must agree variations in these rules before play. The U league matches should not be changed from 7 games unless there are extraordinary circumstances. If there is any disagreement then these rules apply.

U, GH and GL league teams

There are no handicap restrictions.

B league teams

The sum of the 4 players' handicaps shall be at least 48 at the time that the fixture is arranged.