

League Rules

1. The League shall consist of the following clubs – Beaconsfield, Burnham Beeches, Denham, Gerrards Cross, Harewood Downs, Hazlemere, Harleyford and Wexham Park. From time to time but generally at the Annual General Meeting of the League, representatives of the member clubs shall elect a league secretary and a fixtures secretary who shall be responsible for the running of the League and the associated website.
2. Each Club shall play every other Club in the League once every year. In general, matches played at home one year shall be played away the following year. The HOME Club shall be responsible for arranging match dates. Each club should send a list of suggested match dates to the clubs that they are due to play at HOME so that the AWAY clubs can agree a mutually acceptable date.

Dates for all matches should be agreed and a list of all fixture dates send to the CJGL Fixtures Secretary by **Sunday March 16th** so that the dates can be added to the web site.
3. In 2026, all matches must be played between **Saturday March 28th** and **Sunday September 13th**.

Any matches not played or awarded a walkover by the end date of the league will be given a result of ZERO match points to BOTH teams.
4. Players must be a member of the Club for whom they are playing and be under EIGHTEEN years of age at 00:00 hours on 1st January of the year in which the match is played. Players who are members of more than one Club within the League may only be selected to play for one Club in a season. Once a player has represented one Club in a season, they are not allowed to represent another Club for the rest of the season.
5. All players must have a WHS Handicap Index. The maximum Handicap Index allowed in matches is 28.0, any players with a Handicap Index of 28.1 or higher will play off a Handicap Index of 28.0.
6. For each match, the Home Junior Organiser must contact the Away Junior Organiser in the week preceding the match to confirm match details. Both the Home and Away Junior Organisers arranging the match MUST be adults.
7. The Home club to be responsible for arranging the Tees of the Day. In general, boys shall play from the Men's Medal Tee, and girls from the Ladies' Medal Tee however, with agreement from both teams, younger players may play from forward tees provided these have a valid Course Rating, Par and Slope Rating for their gender.
8. Matches shall be played as singles games with strokes received calculated as follows:
 - For each player, determine Course Handicap using Handicap Index, Slope Rating, Par and Course Rating for the tee used by the player. Round to a whole number.
 - If the players in a game are different gender and/or using different tees, calculate the difference in PAR between the tees being used and add this to the Course Handicap for the player using the tees with the higher Par.
 - Strokes Received is the full difference between the Course Handicaps of the two players.
 - Strokes shall be taken in accordance with the Stroke Index of the tees used by the player who is receiving shots.
9. A team consists of a minimum of three and a maximum of five players.

Teams shall play in order of handicap with lowest Handicap Index first. Where one team has fewer players than the other, then the teams shall be matched up for their games in ascending handicap order so that the players with the highest handicaps in the team with more players will be awarded a walkover.
10. No later than 15 minutes before the first tee time for a match, the Home and Away clubs must both enter the Name and Handicap Index for each player in their team on a CJGL Results Sheet. Strokes received in each match should then be calculated and entered on the Results Sheet.
11. Matches shall be scored on the basis of two game-points for each singles won, and one game-point for each singles halved. Two game-points will be awarded for any games that are awarded as a walkover.

The team with the higher number of game-points will be deemed to have won the match. The match will be deemed to be halved where both teams have an equal number of game-points. A match won will score two match-points, a match halved will score one match-point.
12. At the end of the match, the result of each game and the match result should be entered on the CJGL Results Sheet. The Home club is responsible for sending a copy of the completed Results Sheet to the CJGL Fixtures Secretary within 3 days of the match.
13. (a) The overall League winner shall be the Club with the highest total of match-points when all matches have been completed.

(b) If two or more Clubs have the same total of match-points, the match(es) between the tied clubs will be used to resolve the tie. If still tied, then the League winner shall be the Club with the highest game-points differential, excluding points assigned as a result of a complete match walkover.

(c) Where, after reasonable efforts to reschedule a match, a club is still unable to field a team, then a match walkover is granted to the club that was able to field a team and they are awarded 2 match points. A claim for a walkover must be agreed by the CJGL league secretary or the CJGL fixtures secretary and must be made before the end date of the league.

(d) If any club has granted 3 match walkovers in a season, then they will withdraw from the league for that year and the results of those games that they have played shall be removed from the record for that year.

(e) In the case of both game and match walkovers, no points are awarded to individual player's scores counting towards the Player of the Year competition.

14. If a team fields an ineligible player:

(a) If the player does not have a WHS Handicap Index or plays off a handicap that is higher than their current handicap, then their individual game is forfeit and is deemed to be a walkover.

(b) If the player has already played for another team in the CJGL or is not a current member of the club they are representing, then the match result is void and the match must be replayed.

15. During matches it is mandatory that a Responsible Adult Person (RAP) from each club will be present at the commencement of the match and that the RAPs from both clubs will be present throughout the period of the match until the last junior has left the premises.

This is a safeguarding requirement so that a RAP from both clubs is always available in case of emergency or the need to make contact with members of the team's families.

Without such continuous attendance of the home and away RAPs the match should not proceed.

16. When young or inexperienced players are included in a team, a Match Walker is allowed to accompany a game.

The Match Walker should not be a parent of the player who is being accompanied. The Match Walker is allowed to help with trolleys, for example on steep or awkward slopes or to keep up with play. The Match Walker is not allowed to give advice or coaching and must stay at least 50 yards away from the players except when helping with a trolley.

The use of a Match Walker, including their name, must be agreed by BOTH Junior Organisers PRIOR to the match.

17. If play is suspended, due to a course closure or thunder and lightning or it is considered by both teams that the conditions are dangerous, e.g. strong gales or extreme fog. After a suspension, play should be resumed as soon as possible.

If the suspension of play is likely to last more than 2 hours, then play should be abandoned for the day. In this case the following applies:

- If all players have played nine holes the result of the matches will be deemed to be as at the point of suspension.
- If all players have not completed nine holes, then the match is to be abandoned and the match must be rearranged on a new date.

18. Caddies are NOT permitted.

19. Parents, Junior Organisers and players who have completed their games are allowed to spectate but must **stay at least 50 yards from players** whose games are still in progress.

20. Ball Spotters are allowed only at designated locations agreed by the home and away Junior Organisers and will be a person or persons designated by the Junior Organisers.

21. It is hoped that the Junior Organisers will be able to play some golf during the match and that the home Club will provide after match refreshments for the teams and organisers.

22. The etiquette and dress rules of the host Club shall be imposed.

23. Rules Issues:

The RAPs from the two clubs are deemed to be the committee for the purposes of the match.

If there is a rules issue during a match that cannot be resolved between the players, the RAPs should be called to resolve the issue. Spectators and match walkers MUST NOT give any ruling to players.

If the RAPs are not available within a reasonable time, the players should decide what to do and play on and report the issue to the committee at the end of the match.

In reaching their decision the committee should refer to the current Rules of Golf and may take advice from the home professional or secretariat or the Secretary of the Chiltern Junior Golf League.