HRGS Winter MatchPlay League 2020 Format

League & Knockout Structure

- Pairs Matchplay format retained.
- 8 * 4 Player leagues.
- 32 players split into 4 categories based on their handicaps.
- Each league will contain a player from each of the 4 categories.
- League members defined by random draw of available players in each category.
- Each league plays 3 'Round-Robin' games:
 - o Players 1 & 2 vs Players 3 & 4
 - o Players 1 & 3 vs Players 2 & 4
 - o Players 1 & 4 vs Players 2 & 3
- Top points scorers in all leagues will go through to semi finals
- Where players have identical points the player with most 'Hole Wins' will win.
- All league games to be played between 1st Sept 20 and 28th February 21.
- Semi 1 = League 1 & 2 winners will play against leagues 3 & 4 winners.
- Semi 2 = League 5 & 6 winners will play against leagues 7 & 8 winners.
- All semi-finals to be played between 28th Feb 21 and 14th March 21.
- Final = Semi 1 winners vs Semi 2 winners on 17th March 21.

Game Format

- Pairs play over 18 holes with objective of winning more holes than opponents.
- Final recorded score should be 'Holes won by team 1 vs Holes won by team 2'.
- All matches played with slope allowance included.
- All games to be played with lowest handicap player playing off scratch.
- Higher handicap players received 90% of the difference between their handicap and the lowest handicap player in the match.

Example: Player 1 handicap (incl slope) = 17, Player 2 = 12, Player 3 = 24, Player 4 = 18

Shots per player in match:

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Player 1 = 5 shots (90% of (17-12) = 4.5 round up to 5)

Player 2 = 0 shots (lowest handicap)

Player 3 = 11 shots (90% of (34.13) = 10.8 round up to 11
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Player 3 = 11 shots (90% of (24-12) = 10.8 round up to 11)

Player 4 = 5 shots (90% of (18-12) = 5.4 round down to 5)

Scheduling Games

- One of the players in the Matchplay League "match-up" must formally make a booking to reserve a tee-time for their game.
 - The booking can be made by: speaking directly to someone at the pro-shop, sending the pro-shop an email or by using the GNK online booking system.
 - When the booking is made the names of all 4 players must be provided.
 - When the booking is complete the person making the booking must notify the 3 other players of the date & time.

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- If the "match-up" includes one or more GNK non-members then each of those non-members must email Chris Ahern (cahern@gnkgolf.com) confirming they would like to take advantage of Society rates for this match and confirming the date & time of that match.
- Chris Ahern will, on receiving such an email, update the GNK booking system with whatever is necessary to ensure that non-member is only charged the Society rate when they pay at the pro-shop.
- Matchplay League games can be booked for any date / time but the society rate will only be applied if Chris Ahern has been advised in advance of the non-members involvement. In the absence of that notification, the non-member will be charged the standard fee.
- All matches must be completed in the time window of 1st September 2020 28th February 2021, failure to do that will result in any remaining games being 'VOID' with zero points being awarded to all players involved for those matches.
- It will be the responsibility of players to arrange their own matches with their partners & opponents.
- Whilst all 'Match-ups' have been predefined (see 'Pairings & Matches' webpage), they can be played in any order convenient to the players involved.
- All matches must be played at Hacienda Riquelme, but timing is flexible (within the Sep Feb time window).
- If it is proving impossible to align players availability, then any player may request an APPROVED RESERVE to take their place. No specific reserve may substitute for more than one game for any individual player.

Game Scoring

- All match results to be entered via the HRGS website 'WMPL Results Form'.
- Each player in pairing receives 1 point for a draw.
- Each player in pairing receives 2 point for a win.
- Each player in pairing receives 1 point for attending and playing in the game.
 - o No 'attendance' point is awarded if a reserve is used as 'stand-in'.
- If a player fails to attend (and has not organised a reserve) they will be deducted 1 point.
- If a player plays 'solo' (in a 1 vs 2 match) then they receive a 0.5 bonus point.