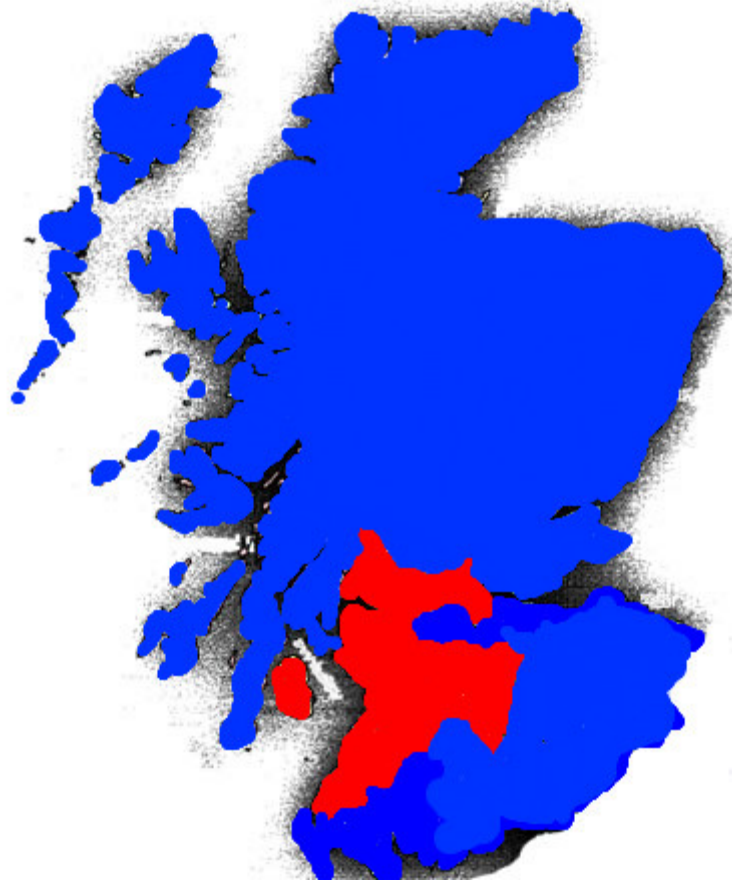


WEST OF SCOTLAND GOLF ASSOCIATION



CONSTITUTION

POLICIES

AND

RULES OF COMPETITIONS

January 2025

THE WEST OF SCOTLAND GOLF ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF COMPETITIONS
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THE CONSTITUTION

The name of the association shall be “The West of Scotland Golf Association”

1. Defined terms and interpretation.

1.1 In this constitution, unless the context requires otherwise:

"AGM" means the annual general meeting of the Association.

"Area Association " means the Area Associations of Ayrshire, Dumbartonshire, Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, and Stirlingshire

"Association " means The West of Scotland Golf Association.

"R&A" means The R&A, comprising R&A Championships Limited, R&A Rules Limited, R&A Group Services Limited and any other group companies (from time to time);

"SGL" means Scottish Golf Limited (or any successor).

"term" shall mean the period between AGMs; and

1.2 References to numbered "paragraphs" are references to numbered provisions in this constitution.

1.3 Headings in this constitution are used for convenience only and shall not affect the meaning of this constitution.

1.4 Words importing the singular shall include the plural and vice versa.

2. Membership

2.1 The membership of the Association includes the Area Associations of Ayrshire, Dumbartonshire, Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire and Stirlingshire.

2.2 At all General Meetings of The Association, only one representative of each Area Association is eligible to vote. Area Associations with more than one representative present must nominate one member to vote on behalf of The Area Association. Executive Committee members are only eligible to vote as a representative of a constituent Area Association. Any changes to the constitution and rules will require a clear majority vote.

3. Objects

The objects of the Association shall be:

3.1 to foster the game of golf in the West of Scotland geographical area.

3.2 to hold such Championships, Competitions, Inter-County or Representative Matches as may be agreed.

4. Administration

- 4.1 The Chairman shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and such appointments shall be for a period of no longer than 2 consecutive terms, in accordance with the following rota

Ayrshire (2022)
Dumbartonshire (2024)
Glasgow
Lanarkshire
Renfrewshire
Stirlingshire

- 4.2 The Secretary shall be elected on an annual basis at the AGM and serve until the next AGM and shall then be eligible for re-election.
- 4.3 The costs associated with championships hosted on a rotational basis will be administered and borne by the Area Association hosting the championship that year.
- 4.4 Any additional agreed costs will be borne by all the Area Association equally.
- 4.5 Winning Area Associations or individuals shall hold trophies offered for annual competition by The Association for the ensuing year. The trophies shall be the property of The Association, and it shall be the responsibility of the holders to ensure their safekeeping during the period the said trophies are in their possession. They must return the trophies to The Secretary when called upon to do so. In the event that a trophy owned by The Association is damaged whilst in the possession of an Area Association or an individual then the Area Association or individual will be responsible for the full cost of repair to the relevant trophy.

5. Decision making

The general rule about decision making is that any decision of the Association is valid if made unanimously or by a simple majority. For the avoidance of doubt, all decisions only require a simple majority.

6. Quorum for meetings

- 6.1 At a meeting of the Association unless a quorum is participating, no proposal is to be voted on, except a proposal to call another meeting.
- 6.2 The quorum for meetings is 5 member Area Associations.

7. Chairing of meetings

- 7.1 The Chairman shall chair meetings of the Association.
- 7.2 If the Chairman is not participating in a meeting of the Association within 15 minutes of the time at which it was to start, a representative of the relevant Area Association of the Chairman shall chair the meeting and if they too are not participating within 15 minutes of the time at which it was to start, the participating Area Associations must appoint another representative of a participating Area Association to chair it.

8. Voting

- 8.1 Each participating Area Association at a meeting shall have one vote.
- 8.2 If the number of votes for and against a proposal are equal, there will be no casting vote. Changes to the constitution and rules will require a clear majority.

9. Calling a meeting

- 9.1 A meeting of the Area Associations may be called:
- 9.1.1 By The Chairman.
 - 9.1.2 by The Secretary; or
 - 9.1.3 on written requisition by 3 members Area Associations.
- 9.2 Notice of any meeting of the Association must indicate its proposed date and where it is to take place and shall state the business for which the meeting is requested.
- 9.3 Meetings of the Association shall be held as required but in any event the Association shall be required to meet no fewer once per calendar year.
- 9.4 At an AGM, the Area Associations shall consider and approve nominations for the posts of Chairman and Secretary for the following year.

10. Minutes

The Secretary shall keep appropriate records for all meetings of the Association, AGMs, and general meetings.

11. Dissolution

If upon the dissolution of the Association there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall be paid to or distributed amongst the member Area Associations.

12. Calling a General Meeting

- 12.1 The Association shall hold an AGM Sometime between the months of October and the following March at a place to be determined by the Chairman or Secretary, for the purpose of receiving a report on the activities of the Association for the preceding term, considering matters relevant to The Association, and appointing the Chairman and Secretary.
- 12.2 No business other than the business of the Association shall be transacted at an AGM unless agreed by the member Area Associations.
- 12.3 The Chairman, Secretary or Area Associations may call a general meeting at any time between AGMs and 50 per cent of the member Area Associations may be entitled to request that the Association call a general meeting within one month of such written notice to consider such matters as those member Area Associations deem it expedient that the member Area Associations as a whole consider.
- 12.4 The Secretary shall give written notice to the secretary of each member Area Association at least 21 days before the date of a general meeting and shall send out the agenda and any accompanying papers at least 7 days before the date of the general meeting.

13. Quorum for General Meetings

No business shall be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum is present. A quorum shall be 4 member Area Associations.

14. Chairing General Meetings

The Chairman shall chair general meetings.

If the Chairman is not participating in a meeting of the Association within 15 minutes of the time at which it was to start, a representative of the relevant Area Association of the Chairman shall chair the meeting and if they too are not participating within 15 minutes of the time at which it was to start, the participating Area Associations must appoint another representative of a participating Area Association to chair it.

15. Attendance and Speaking at General Meetings

15.1 Members of the member Area Associations may attend and speak at general meetings.

15.2 A representative of SGL may attend AGMs and general meetings as an observer.

16. Adjournment

16.1 If the persons attending an AGM within half an hour of the time at which the meeting was due to start do not constitute a quorum, or if during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the chairman of the meeting must adjourn it. If at such an adjourned meeting the persons attending within half an hour of the time at which the meeting was due to start do not constitute a quorum, or if during such an adjourned meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting shall be dissolved.

16.2 When adjourning an AGM, the chairman of the meeting must:

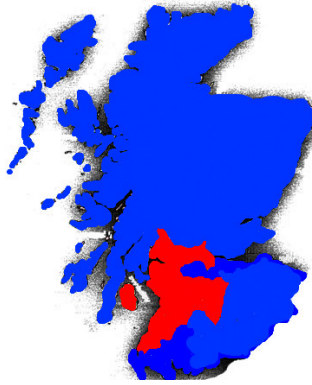
16.2.1 either specify the time and place to which it is adjourned or state that it is to continue at a time and place to be fixed by the Area Associations; and

16.2.2 have regard to any directions as to the time and place of any adjournment which have been given by the meeting.

17. Amendment

The constitution shall not be amended or superseded without the approval of at least 4 of member Area Associations present and voting at an AGM or a general meeting. The notice calling the AGM or general meeting where it is proposed that this constitution be amended or superseded, shall specify the proposed amendments or provide a copy of the proposed constitution.²⁵

(Revised March 2023)



THE WEST OF SCOTLAND GOLF ASSOCIATION

RULES OF COMPETITION

A – WEST OF SCOTLAND STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

B – WEST OF SCOTLAND TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

C – WEST OF SCOTLAND INTER COUNTY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

D – WEST OF SCOTLAND INTER COUNTY YOUTHS LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

E – WEST OF SCOTLAND INTER COUNTY BOYS' LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

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M – WEST OF SCOTLAND BOYS MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

R - LIST OF TROPHIES

GENERAL DEFINITIONS

1. Boys – Under 16 years of age or Under 18 years of age at 0001 hrs on the 1ST of January of the year of competition.
2. Youths – Under 25 years of age at 0001 hrs. on the 1ST of January of the year of competition.
3. These rules are only applicable to competitions involving the Area Associations of Ayrshire, Dumbartonshire, Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire and Stirlingshire.

A) – WEST OF SCOTLAND STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1. The Championship shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as published by The Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews and Local Rules and Conditions of Competition as published by the Championship Committee.
2. The Championship shall be hosted in rotation by the Area Associations in the following order
Ayrshire (2023)
Dumbartonshire
Glasgow (2025)
Lanarkshire
Renfrewshire
Stirlingshire
3. The Championship shall comprise 18 holes Stroke Play taking place over one day. The winner of the Championship shall be the competitor who returns the lowest scratch score for 18 holes.
4. In the event of a tie after 18 holes, the Championship shall be decided by the better inward half, last 9 holes etc.
5. In the event of a competitor scratching, refund of fees paid will be at the discretion of the Championship Committee.
6. The acceptance of any entry will be subject to the approval of the Championship Committee, who retains the right to refuse or accept any entry without reason.
7. Responsibility for the Championship rests with the Championship Committee, to whom all disputes will be referred and whose decision shall be final.
8. To be eligible a player must be an amateur as defined by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, and must be a member of a recognised Golf Club fully affiliated to one of the Area Associations of Ayrshire, Dumbartonshire, Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire or Stirlingshire. Members of clubs affiliated to the Area Association of Argyle & Bute are also eligible.
9. The maximum number of competitors may be limited to 120 players. In the event of an entry exceeding this number, the field shall be reduced by ballot in order of handicap. Entrants who have been balloted out will be notified but, depending on their place in the ballot, may be able to compete subject to subsequent withdrawals. Maximum numbers may be increased at the organiser's discretion.
10. The West Of Scotland Team Championship will be run in conjunction with the West of Scotland Strokeplay Championship and the six Area Associations will ensure at least one club team will represent their Area Association in the team event.
11. Entry fees will be returned to entrants who are balloted out and do not compete.
12. Competitors are requested to register with the official starter at least 30 minutes prior to their published tee time.

B) – WEST OF SCOTLAND TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1. The Championship shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as published by The Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews and Local Rules and Conditions of Competition as published by the Championship Committee.
2. Teams will comprise three players who must be members of the club they are representing.
3. The winners will be the team returning the lowest aggregate of the three scores.
4. In the event of a tie after 18 holes, the Championship shall be decided by considering the aggregate of the better inward half, last 9, last 6, last three holes of all three team scores.
5. In the event that two or more teams remain tied, each team shall nominate one of their number to participate in a sudden death hole-by-hole play-off to determine the winning team.
6. The West Of Scotland Team Championship will be run in conjunction with the West of Scotland Strokeplay Championship and the six Area Associations will ensure at least one club team will represent their Area Association in the team event.

C) WEST OF SCOTLAND INTER COUNTY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1. The competition shall be called The West of Scotland Inter County League Championship, hereafter referred to as The Championship.
2. Participation shall be open to the Area Associations of Ayrshire, Dumbartonshire, Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire and Stirlingshire.
3. The management of The Championship shall be under the control of the participant Area Associations.
4. Each player will only be permitted to represent one Area Association in The Championship in any one season.
5. Each team will consist of eight players and must be nominated by their Area Association before the first tie tees off. Order of play to be determined by the team sheet.
6. **FORMAT**
 - a) Each match will consist of 8 scratch single ties played over 18 holes with the visiting team having the honour on the 1st tee. The eight games must play off in succession although not necessarily in order. Team managers must exchange team listings prior to the first tie playing off.
 - b) All matches to be played on the agreed dates and times.
 - c) Matches shall be played over five successive weeks, commencing on the third weekend in September.
 - d) All matches to be played on Sundays with a tee off time of 11.00 am. The tee time can be varied by up to one hour either way, with the agreement of both participant Area Associations.
 - e) No Area Association can waive their ground right and must play home and away in alternate years.
 - f) Area Associations may not request postponement of matches because one or more players have other commitments. This covers selection for coaching or other representative matches.
 - g) Matches may only be postponed if for any reason the course is closed or with the agreement of both participant Area Associations becomes unplayable, or there are any more than three temporary greens in use. The match may be transferred to another course in the same Area if time permits, and players are given sufficient notice.
 - h) In the event of a match being postponed, abandoned, or called off at the discretion of the Area Secretary or Team Manager by reason of weather, and an alternate course cannot be arranged for the same day (Rule 6 g), the match must be played on the sixth Sunday, failing that the seventh, eighth etc.
 - i) All matches to be played under the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews. All Local Rules of the host venue must be observed and it shall be the host Area Association to advise the visiting Area Association of any Local Rules not printed on the scorecard. Failure to do so may result in the home Area Association conceding to the visiting Area Association each tie for which the local rule has not been observed. All other general Rules of Golf applicable to Match Play will apply.
 - j) Should a player be absent after the penultimate tie has left the first tee the Area Association concerned can use their reserve, otherwise the tie will be forfeited. No extension of time will be allowed after the official in charge has called the player to the tee. For uniformity, such time will be that of the first hole being played and cleared by the preceding tie.
 - k) If in the event of a Area Association not having eight players the match will continue with the defaulting Area Association conceding to its opponent 1 tie for every player short. If both Area Associations are players short, then these players shall be paired and each pairing considered as a halved tie. If after such pairings one Area Association remains a player or players short, then that Area Association shall concede any such tie to its opponent. In the event of a count back, all conceded ties to be considered as 5 & 4 wins.

- l) If an Area Association fails to turn up for a match or is unable to provide a minimum of four players, then that Area Association must concede the match to its opponents and the Area Association will lose full match points. The match score will be recorded as 5 – 3 for countback purposes.
- m) If for any reason both teams agree to not play a match the match will be considered a 4 all draw and each team will be awarded 1 match point. This can only be agreed if the destination of the championship title cannot be affected by the match not being played.
- n) If after commencement of play an individual tie is conceded the score will be determined by the forfeiting of the remaining holes until a winning margin is established.
- o) If any Area Association fails to play two or more of their fixtures during the season, the results of matches already played involving the Area Association will be declared null and void.
- p) All matches should be played by the end of November and if not then a meeting will be convened as soon as possible thereafter, to decide on the competition that year.

7. SCORING

- a) Match points will be awarded as follows:
 Win – 4pts
 Draw – 2pts
 Not played – 1pt
 Lose - 0pts.
- b) If, when all fixtures have been completed, two or more Area Associations are tied with the same number of match points, then the difference of ties over all the matches will decide the winner. If still tied, the result of the match between the tied Area Associations will determine the winner and if still tied a countback involving the individual ties in the aforesaid match will decide.
- c) In the event of a countback over a single match being required to determine the League Championship winners, the count back system used is to add the holes up and the holes left in each game E.G. 3 & 2 win = 5 or a 3 & 1 win = 4. This is done for each Area Association for each tie to give a credit for each team. The team with the highest credit is deemed the winner.

8. ADMINISTRATION

- a) The home Area Association will arrange the courtesy of the course and the reservation of the 1st tee for each match.
- b) The home Area Association will give a minimum of six days' notice to the visiting Area Association regarding starting times etc.
- c) Both Area Associations are responsible for ensuring that the result is reported to the West of Scotland Secretary as soon as possible after completion of the match. Notification of the result must reach the West of Scotland Secretary within 3 days of the match being played.
- d) In the event of a postponement the home Area Association must report this to the West of Scotland Secretary within 72 hours along with the amended fixture arrangement.
- e) The home Area Association shall be responsible for providing scorecards and local rules.
- f) The West of Scotland Secretary will distribute the fixture dates and venues to all Area Associations prior to commencement of the championship, and Area Associations should provide venue information to the West of Scotland Secretary when requested.

9. GENERAL

- a) HOSPITALITY - Roll and coffee/tea before the match and a one course meal after the match will be provided by the home Area Association in all league matches, at the expense of the home Area Association.
- b) MOTORIZED TRANSPORT - Motorized buggies are not permitted unless with the prior agreement of the Area Associations via the West of Scotland Secretary and are allowed on the course being played. In the case of a dispute the West of Scotland Secretary's decision shall be final.
- c) DRESS CODE - All players must abide by the dress code, both on and off the course, as laid down by the Committee of the course being played.

- d) **RULES DISPUTES** – In the event of failure to agree between Area Associations on these rules, a meeting of all championship participating Area Associations will be convened to consider the issue. The meeting will rule on the dispute and such ruling will be binding on all parties. The Chairmanship of the meeting will be appointed from the representatives present out with the Area Associations in dispute. The Chairman will have a deliberate and a casting vote.
- e) **WITHDRAWAL** – An Area Association unable or unwilling to fulfil their season's fixtures may withdraw from the league by informing the West of Scotland Secretary no less than one month before the start of the first of the league's match fixtures of their decision. The remaining Area Associations will retain the right to invite other Area Associations to fulfil the withdrawn Area Association's fixtures for that season only. An invited Area Association will not be entitled to any powers and/or voting rights at any general meeting held during the season.
- f) **FIXTURE ROTATION** – Each year the week one fixtures move to week five and others move up (two to one, three to two etc) and home venues are reversed for all fixtures.

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D) WEST OF SCOTLAND INTER COUNTY YOUTHS LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1. The competition shall be called The West of Scotland Inter County Youths League Championship, hereafter referred to as The Championship.
2. Participation shall be open to the Area Associations of Ayrshire, Dumbartonshire, Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire and Stirlingshire.
3. The management of The Championship shall be under the control of the participant Area Associations.
4. Each player will only be permitted to represent one Area Association in The Championship in any one season.
5. Each team will consist of eight players and must be nominated by their Area Association before the first tie tees off. Order of play to be determined by the team sheet. Players must be under 25 years of age at 0001 hrs. on the first of January of the year of competition.
6. **FORMAT**
 - a) Each match will consist of 8 scratch single ties played over 18 holes with the visiting team having the honour on the 1st tee. The eight games must play off in succession although not necessarily in order. Team managers must exchange team listings prior to the first tie playing off.
 - b) All matches to be played on the agreed dates and times.
 - c) Matches shall be played over five successive weeks, commencing on the third weekend in September.
 - d) All matches to be played on Sundays with a tee off time of 11.00 am. The tee time can be varied by up to one hour either way, with the agreement of both participant Area Associations.
 - e) No Area Association can waive their ground right and must play home and away in alternate years.
 - f) Area Associations may not request postponement of matches because one or more players have other commitments. This covers selection for coaching or other representative matches.
 - g) Matches may only be postponed if for any reason the course is closed or with the agreement of both participant Area Associations becomes unplayable, or there are any more than three temporary greens in use. The match may be transferred to another course in the same Area if time permits, and players are given sufficient notice.
 - h) In the event of a match being postponed, abandoned, or called off at the discretion of the Area Secretary or Team Manager by reason of weather, and an alternate course cannot be arranged for the same day (Rule 6 g), the match must be played on the sixth Sunday, failing that the seventh, eighth etc.
 - i) All matches to be played under the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews. All Local Rules of the host venue must be observed and it shall be the host Area Association to advise the visiting Area Association of any Local Rules not printed on the scorecard. Failure to do so may result in the home Area Association conceding to the visiting Area Association each tie for which the local rule has not been observed. All other general Rules of Golf applicable to Match Play will apply.
 - j) Should a player be absent after the penultimate tie has left the first tee the Area Association concerned can use their reserve, otherwise the tie will be forfeited. No extension of time will be allowed after the official in charge has called the player to the tee. For uniformity, such time will be that of the first hole being played and cleared by the preceding tie.
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Area Association shall concede any such tie to its opponent. In the event of a count back, all conceded ties to be considered as 5 & 4 wins.

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- d) In the event of a postponement the home Area Association must report this to the West of Scotland Secretary within 72 hours along with the amended fixture arrangement.
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- f) The West of Scotland Secretary will distribute the fixture dates and venues to all Area Associations prior to commencement of the championship, and Area Associations should provide venue information to the West of Scotland Secretary when requested.

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- c) DRESS CODE - All players must abide by the dress code, both on and off the course, as laid down by the Committee of the course being played.
- d) RULES DISPUTES – In the event of failure to agree between Area Associations on these rules, a meeting of all championship participating Area Associations will be convened to consider the issue. The meeting will rule on the dispute and such ruling will be binding on all parties. The Chairmanship of the meeting will be appointed from the representatives present out with the Area Associations in dispute. The Chairman will have a deliberate and a casting vote.
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E) WEST OF SCOTLAND INTER COUNTY BOYS LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1. The competition shall be called The West of Scotland Inter County Boys League Championship, hereafter referred to as The Championship.
2. Participation shall be open to the Area Associations of Ayrshire, Dumbartonshire, Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire and Stirlingshire.
3. The management of The Championship shall be under the control of the participant Area Associations.
4. Each player will only be permitted to represent one Area Association in The Championship in any one season.
5. Each team will consist of eight players and must be nominated by their Area Association before the first tie tees off. Order of play to be determined by the team sheet. At least four players must be under 16 years of age at 0001 hrs on the first of January of the year of competition and the remainder must be under 18 years of age at 0001 hrs. on the first of January of the year of competition. The nominated Under 16 players will play in games 1 – 4 and the nominated under 18 players in games 5 – 8.
6. **FORMAT**
 - a) Each match will consist of 8 scratch single ties played over 18 holes with the visiting team having the honour on the 1st tee. The eight games must play off in succession although not necessarily in order. Team managers must exchange team listings prior to the first tie playing off.
 - b) All matches to be played on the agreed dates and times.
 - c) Matches shall be played over periods of one month in successive months from May to September each year.
 - d) All matches to be played on Sundays with a tee off time of 11.00 am. The tee time can be varied by up to one hour either way, with the agreement of both participant Area Associations.
 - e) No Area Association can waive their ground right and must play home and away in alternate years.
 - f) Area Associations may not request postponement of matches because one or more players have other commitments. This covers selection for coaching or other representative matches.
 - g) Matches may only be postponed if for any reason the course is closed or with the agreement of both participant Area Associations becomes unplayable, or there are any more than three temporary greens in use. The match may be transferred to another course in the same Area if time permits, and players are given sufficient notice.
 - h) In the event of a match being postponed, abandoned, or called off at the discretion of the Area Secretary or Team Manager by reason of weather, and an alternate course cannot be arranged for the same day (Rule 6 g), the match must be played as soon as possible thereafter.
 - i) All matches to be played under the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews. All Local Rules of the host venue must be observed and it shall be the host Area Association to advise the visiting Area Association of any Local Rules not printed on the scorecard. Failure to do so may result in the home Area Association conceding to the visiting Area Association each tie for which the local rule has not been observed. All other general Rules of Golf applicable to Match Play will apply.
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halved tie. If after such pairings one Area Association remains a player or players short, then that Area Association shall concede any such tie to its opponent. In the event of a count back, all conceded ties to be considered as 5 & 4 wins.

- l) If an Area Association fails to turn up for a match or is unable to provide a minimum of four players, then that Area Association must concede the match to its opponents and the Area Association will lose full match points. The match score will be recorded as 5 – 3 for countback purposes.
- m) If for any reason both teams agree to not play a match the match will be considered a 4 all draw and each team will be awarded 1 match point. This can only be agreed if the destination of the championship title cannot be affected by the match not being played.
- n) If after commencement of play an individual tie is conceded the score will be determined by the forfeiting of the remaining holes until a winning margin is established.
- o) If any Area Association fails to play two or more of their fixtures during the season, the results of matches already played involving the Area Association will be declared null and void.
- p) All matches should be played by the end of November and if not then a meeting will be convened as soon as possible thereafter, to decide on the competition that year.

7. SCORING

- a) Match points will be awarded as follows:
 - Win – 4pts
 - Draw – 2pts
 - Not played – 1pt
 - Lose - 0pts.
- b) If, when all fixtures have been completed, two or more Area Associations are tied with the same number of match points, then the difference of ties over all the matches will decide the winner. If still tied, the result of the match between the tied Area Associations will determine the winner and if still tied a countback involving the individual ties in the aforesaid match will decide.
- c) In the event of a countback over a single match being required to determine the League Championship winners, the count back system used is to add the holes up and the holes left in each game E.G. 3 & 2 win = 5 or a 3 & 1 win = 4. This is done for each Area Association for each tie to give a credit for each team. The team with the highest credit is deemed the winner.

8. ADMINISTRATION

- a) The home Area Association will arrange the courtesy of the course and the reservation of the 1st tee for each match.
- b) The home Area Association will give a minimum of six days' notice to the visiting Area Association regarding starting times etc.
- c) Both Area Associations are responsible for ensuring that the result is reported to the West of Scotland Secretary as soon as possible after completion of the match. Notification of the result must reach the West of Scotland Secretary within 3 days of the match being played.
- d) In the event of a postponement the home Area Association must report this to the West of Scotland Secretary within 72 hours along with the amended fixture arrangement.
- e) The home Area Association shall be responsible for providing scorecards and local rules.
- f) The West of Scotland Secretary will distribute the fixture dates and venues to all Area Associations prior to commencement of the championship, and Area Associations should provide venue information to the West of Scotland Secretary when requested.

9. GENERAL

- a) HOSPITALITY - Roll and coffee/tea before the match and a one course meal after the match will be provided by the home Area Association in all league matches, at the expense of the home Area Association.
- b) MOTORIZED TRANSPORT - Motorized buggies are not permitted unless with the prior agreement of the Area Associations via the West of Scotland Secretary and are allowed on the course being played. In the case of a dispute the West of Scotland Secretary's decision shall be final.

- c) DRESS CODE - All players must abide by the dress code, both on and off the course, as laid down by the Committee of the course being played.
- d) RULES DISPUTES – In the event of failure to agree between Area Associations on these rules, a meeting of all championship participating Area Associations will be convened to consider the issue. The meeting will rule on the dispute and such ruling will be binding on all parties. The Chairmanship of the meeting will be appointed from the representatives present out with the Area Associations in dispute. The Chairman will have a deliberate and a casting vote.
- e) WITHDRAWAL – An Area Association unable or unwilling to fulfil their season’s fixtures may withdraw from the league by informing the West of Scotland Secretary no less than one month before the start of the first of the league’s match fixtures of their decision. The remaining Area Associations will retain the right to invite other Area Associations to fulfil the withdrawn Area Association’s fixtures for that season only. An invited Area Association will not be entitled to any powers and/or voting rights at any general meeting held during the season.
- f) FIXTURE ROTATION – Each year the week one fixtures move to week five and others move up (two to one, three to two etc) and home venues are reversed for all fixtures.

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F) THE WEST OF SCOTLAND JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

- a. The Championship shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as published by The Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews and Local Rules and Conditions of Competition as published by the West of Scotland Area Associations.
- b. The Championship shall be hosted in rotation by the Area Associations in the following order
Ayrshire
Dumbartonshire
Glasgow (2023)
Lanarkshire
Renfrewshire (2025)
Stirlingshire
- c. The Championship shall comprise 18 holes Stroke Play taking place over one day. The winner of the Championship shall be the player who returns the lowest scratch score for 18 holes.
- d. In the event of a tie after 18 holes, the winner will be decided on the best inward half etc. In the event that the championship is still tied, the Championship Committee shall decide how to proceed to determine a Championship winner.
- e. Prizes will be presented on a scratch and handicap basis, and gender specific, at the discretion of the host Area Association.
- f. In the event of a competitor scratching, refund of fees paid will be at the discretion of the Championship Committee.
- g. The acceptance of any entry will be subject to the approval of the Championship Committee, who retains the right to refuse or accept any entry without reason.
- h. Responsibility for the Championship rests with the Championship Committee, to whom all disputes will be referred and whose decision shall be final.
- i. To be eligible a player must be an amateur as defined by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, BE UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE AT 0001 HRS ON 1ST January of the year of competition and must be a member of a recognised Golf Club affiliated to the Area Associations of Ayrshire, Dumbartonshire, Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire and Stirlingshire. Members of clubs in the Argyle & Bute Area Association will also be eligible to take part.
- j. The maximum number of competitors may be limited to 100 players. In the event of an entry exceeding this number, the field may be reduced by ballot in order of handicap. Entrants who have been balloted out will be notified but, depending on their place in the ballot, may be able to compete subject to subsequent withdrawals. Maximum numbers may be increased at the organiser's discretion.

Entry fees will be returned to entrants who are balloted out and do not compete.
- k. Competitors are requested to register with the official starter at least 30 minutes prior to their first tee time.

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G) THE WEST OF SCOTLAND BOYS MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

- a. The Championship shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as published by The Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews and Local Rules and Conditions of Competition as published by the West of Scotland Area Associations.
- b. The boys returning the best 8 scratch aggregate scores in the West of Scotland Junior Championship shall contest the West of Scotland Boys Match Play Championship.
- c. In the event of a qualifier being unavailable to play, they may be substituted by a reserve, being the next eligible player, prior to the start of the Championship.
- d. Matches shall consist of 18 Holes scratch Match Play with ties being decided on a sudden death play-off basis.

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H) LIST OF TROPHIES – (2022)

1. THE WEST OF SCOTLAND STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

West of Scotland Strokeplay Championship

2. THE WEST OF SCOTLAND TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

3. THE WEST OF SCOTLAND INTER COUNTY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Scottish Golf Union Western District Inter County Championship Trophy
Presented by M. Alexander Esq.

4. THE WEST OF SCOTLAND INTER COUNTY YOUTHS LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Lady Provost's Vase
Presented by the Rt. Hon. The Lord Provost of Glasgow
Sir Victor Warren MBE
1952

5. THE WEST OF SCOTLAND INTER COUNTY BOYS LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Presented by David Wishart
President
Dumbartonshire Golf Union
1990 - 1992

6. THE WEST OF SCOTLAND BOYS STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

West of Scotland Boys Tournament

7. THE WEST OF SCOTLAND BOYS MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

South West District Boys Close Championship Trophy

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