

SOUTHERN CROQUET FEDERATION

GC LEAGUE RULES

2018 SEASON

There are FOUR League Competitions this year

- The Southern Croquet Federation Golf Croquet LEVEL League
- The Southern Croquet Federation Golf Croquet HANDICAP League
- NEW** The Southern Croquet Federation Golf Croquet HANDICAP 'One Court Clubs' League
- The Southern Croquet Federation Golf Croquet DOUBLES ONLY LEVEL League

Rule changes for 2018 are highlighted, along with a few other passages to which attention is drawn.

Laws

All games shall be played in accordance with the current Croquet Association's Golf Croquet Laws. Both Captains must have a copy of the latest laws book (with any subsequent amendments) in their possession at every match.

Competition Regulations

Fixtures should be played on courts of no less than 3/4 size (1/2 size for One Court League). Hoops should be set to 1/16 for the Level League and 1/8 for the Handicap and Doubles Only Leagues.

The use of Dawson balls is preferred for all matches.

Eligibility

Open to any full member club of the SCF.

Clubs may enter as many league competitions as they wish and may enter more than one team in a given league at the discretion of the League Manager.

A player may only play for one team in a given LEAGUE during any one season.

However, a player may play in all three leagues if they so wish.

e.g. A player may represent his club in all three leagues

or, a player may represent Club A in the Level League, Club B in the HC League and Club C in the Doubles Only League.

Clubs entering multiple teams into the same league competition must treat those teams as separate entities. Once a player has represented one team, they are not eligible for the other.

Handicap cards

(This section applies to ALL Leagues except the Doubles Only League)

At each match, all players must produce their current handicap card, properly signed off.

All singles games must be recorded on the players' handicap cards and count towards the Automatic Handicap System.

Team Captains must indicate on the results sheet, that they have inspected all opposition handicap cards.

Players failing to produce their handicap card for inspection, will be allowed to play off their stated handicap BUT must send a photocopy or scan of their card to the Leagues Manager within 7 days. Provided the stated handicap is verified upon the Manger's sight of the card, all results shall stand. Failure to comply with the above, or the discovery of a discrepancy where a higher handicap was claimed – ALL GAMES INVOLVING THAT PLAYER WILL BE AWARDED TO THE OPPOSING SIDE BY THE MAXIMUM SCORE. (Obviously, this will affect the result of the fixture).

Teams & Formats

All League matches must be completed by the END of AUGUST (see also note on venues in last section of these rules).

Any matches played after this date without the agreement of the Leagues Manager, will not be counted for League calculations.

Any necessary final will take place in the first two weeks of September, on a date and venue to be advised before the start of the season.

Teams will consist of four players (two players for One Court League).

Prior to the start of play, the Captains shall complete and exchange an Official Score Sheet, listing the order of their players, and this order shall not be altered for the duration of that match.

Handicap Leagues and Doubles Only League

- Captains can list their players in any order irrespective of individual handicaps.

Level Play League

- Players must be in handicap order (Captain to decide in the case of identical handicaps).

Match formats and score sheets for each league are circulated prior to each season and made available on the SCF website.

Games will NOT BE TIMED unless BOTH Captains specifically agree.

In a time limited game the CA Tournament Regulations T.4 will apply.

Fixture Making

Fixtures are to be scheduled at the start of the season, and not later than 30 April without permission from the Leagues Manager.

Dates and venues should be communicated to the Leagues Manager and copied to the SCF web master (see below for addresses).

Changes to made fixture dates

1. **Courts being unplayable** - Should it be necessary to rearrange a match, then the hosts shall offer three alternative dates to their opponents as soon as possible. All changes of dates to be notified to the League Manager who will adjudicate in the event of disagreements.
2. **Unable to field a team** - Should a team wish to postpone a fixture for this reason, it will only be permitted with the expressed agreement of their opponents. The opponents are not obliged to agree to a postponement and may insist that the fixture be played on the agreed date. In which case, the team being unable to field a full complement shall forfeit any parts of the fixture not played (losing those games to the maximum score 0-7).

Abandonments mid-match

1. In the event that the fixture has to be abandoned, it should be completed at a later date using the same players and replaying any games not completed.
2. If it is not possible to complete the match later with the same players, the entire match should be replayed.
3. If '2' above, is not possible, the result shall stand based on the completed games in the abandoned match (and all other games in that match shall be recorded as draws for half a point each).

Results

The result of each fixture is determined by the number of games (or 'rubbers' in the Level League) won by each team.

Fixture win = 2 points

Fixture draw = 1 point

Fixture loss = 0 points

Hoop scores will be recorded, but only used for League position purposes to separate end of season ties.

The full list of criteria for deciding the League position precedence will be:-

- 1 League Points.

If two or more teams are tied:-

- 2 The number of 'rubbers' won (*in the Level League only, a rubber is the best of three result*)
- 3 The number of game wins.
- 4 The result(s) of the match(es) between the tied teams (*this is the 'who beat whom' rule*).
- 5 The total net hoop score (*hoops 'for' and hoops 'against'*) in the match(es) between the tied teams.
- 6 The total net game wins & losses (*games 'for' and games 'against'*) in every match in that league.
- 7 The total net hoop score (*hoops 'for' and hoops 'against'*) in every match in that league.
- 8 The total gross hoop score (*hoops 'for' only*) in every match in that league.
- 9 By coin toss by the Leagues Manager.

It is the responsibility of the winning Captain to report the result of the match to the League Manager or, in the event of a draw, the home Captain shall assume this responsibility.

BOTH Captains must check and sign the Official Score Sheet, which the winning (or home) Captain shall send to the League Manager without delay.

The League Manager will then update the SCF web site accordingly.

Administration by Leagues Manager

Fixture making:

Teams are expected to arrange their own fixtures on dates and at venues that are mutually convenient.

Teams must be prepared for the possibility of playing an away match at the ground of any of the other teams in their league (subject to that team having suitable facilities).

The default will be, that the fixture venue will alternate between opposing teams each season.

If a fixture is left unplayed due to reasons attributed to the away team, then the next time that the two clubs are scheduled to play, the venue will still be that of the original home Club.

If a fixture is left unplayed due to reasons attributed to the home team, then the next time that the two clubs are scheduled to play, the original home team will be required to travel.

If two teams can't agree on a venue on the occasion of their first league meeting, then the League Manager will toss a coin to decide.

Any team that fails to complete ALL their fixtures by the 31st August (except for reason of abandonments) shall have all of their results withdrawn for the purposes of league calculation.

Final matches (if necessary):

A league may be split into separate divisions (e.g. North and South) if the number of entries allow.

If there are two separate divisions, a final between the two winners will be arranged.

The date and venue for such a final will be advertised before the start of the season.

If the Club identified as the hosts for the final, actually qualify themselves, then the venue will not alter and this will be the good fortune of that Club.

The playing format of any final will be that used for the CA Inter-Club competition finals (contact the Leagues Manager if this is not understood).

CA Tournament Regulations will apply unless otherwise stated above and the decision of the League Manager is final in all matters.

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