



# December 2023 The Festival of Golf

## Dehradun Golf League – 2023 | Conditions of Competition

**The Dehradun Golf League** is a new dynamic movement with a twofold mission: to enhance the presence of golf in the scenic expanse of Uttarakhand starting with the inaugural edition in Dehradun this December and to foster a sense of unity among golfers from diverse backgrounds.

This inter-team tournament involves eight teams, each playing three matches across three Sundays in a round-robin match play format, with 4 four-ball matches in each encounter.

The top five teams after Round 3 progress to the final round, where they field all 10 players for an alternate shot stroke- foursome tournament. The winning team is determined by the aggregate scores of the best 9 players.

This league is a call to promote golf and nurture inclusivity across the enchanting landscapes of Uttarakhand. It extends a warm invitation to every golfer to be a part of this grand endeavour.

### Tournament Committee:

Mr. Sumeru Bahuguna	League Founder & Tournament Director
Mr. Dharmendra Bohra	Organizing Committee
Col Rajat Sharma	Organizing Committee
Captain Sanjay Gandhi (retd)	Organizing Committee
Col Rakesh Sharma	Honorary Committee Member

### Schedule: Qualifying League Rounds

Weekend 1: Saturday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Weekend 2: Sunday, 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Weekend 3: Sunday, 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Team 1 vs. Team 2	Team 1 vs. Team 9	Team 2 vs. Team 10
Team 3 vs. Team 4	Team 4 vs. Team 7	Team 1 vs. Team 8
Team 5 vs. Team 6	Team 3 vs. Team 6	Team 3 vs. Team 7
Team 7 vs. Team 8	Team 2 vs. Team 5	Team 6 vs. Team 9
Team 9 vs. Team 10	Team 8 vs. Team 10	Team 4 vs. Team 5

### Grand Finale: Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Morning (Christmas Eve)

**Championship Match:** Team Alternate Shot Strokeplay for the top 5 Teams

### Scoring:

**League Stages:** Each Team of players earn 1 point for a win, 0.5 points for a tie, and 0 points for a loss in each match.

**Championship Match:** Strokeplay. Alternate Tee shots from each player.



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## Teams Structure

No. Of Teams: 10

## Team Composition

1. Each team shall comprise of 9 players.
2. For each round, the team must select 6 out of 9 players to play the round. In addition, the two players may be nominated for each round as a stand-by to fill in for a player becoming unavailable for that week. There are no restrictions on the selection of the playing 6 for any round.

## Non-availability of team members after selection

1. A Player when registering for the tournament will have to declare his full availability towards the league.
2. After team selection is complete, the team shall take ownership on all impact due to unforeseen non-availability of a player selected into the team.
3. However, the Tournament Committee reserves the right call upon players from the standby list if it considers a situation exceptional and requiring correction.

## Non-availability of players due to Health Reasons

Teams where players have become unavailable after the draft phase due to COVID or Health Issues shall have opportunity to correct the same.

## Tees

1. Golfers shall play from the tees that correspond to their course handicap, gender and age at FRIMA.
2. Seniors above 70 years/Women shall play from the Ladies Tees. Golf Carts will only be available to players who have any physical disability and as decided by FRIMA based on Age limit.

## Unavailability of League Players

1. If a player is unavailable for a match after player has been selected for a league match, the team is deemed to have lost the services of the player. The second player in the pair shall compete against the opponents as a single-ball.
2. **Exception 1:** Standby Player – For each round, a team may nominate one player as standby for that round. If a player becomes unavailable to play that round, the player's position can be filled in by the standby player.
3. The unavailability can only be due to a genuine reason including when a player who is eligible to use a golf-cart is unable to do so due to weather conditions. **Players found to have missed a round without any valid reason will be penalised Rs. 5000/-**
4. **Note:** For any given round, only two substitutions may be availed by the team.

**Exception 2:** If a player is afflicted with covid or a major health issue and has withdrawn from the tournament, the player so withdrawn may be replaced by another player.



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## Schedule of Events

1. **Announcement of the Doon Golf League: Sunday, Oct 29, 2023**
2. **Final date for receipt for application from players:** November 12, 2023
3. **Final date for submission of Captain and Core Team from Premium Pool:** November 15, 2023
4. **Auction: Sunday, November 19 from 10am to 1pm**  
**All players are invited for the Auction along with Team Owners and Captains**

## Playing Format

1. Each league match shall be played between teams as 5 four-ball matches. Each pair shall gain 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 for a loss counted towards the team score.
2. The aggregate of points won by all 8 pairs shall be score of the Team.

## Team Matchups

1. Each team shall nominate 3 playing pairs (refer Appendix III League Round – Team Nomination Form) prior to each round, deliverable to the committee using the paper form. as per the Schedule of Events. Draws for the fourball match play shall be made as follows.
2. Each nominated pair in one team shall play the corresponding pair from the opposing team. i.e., The first seeded pair in the list of one team shall play the first seeded pair in the list of the opposing team, and so on.

## Tie Breaker

1. The top team from each group shall qualify to play the finals after 3 rounds.
2. In case of a tie for the top position, the team owner shall nominate any 2 players from the team who will play against the other team of two players in a sudden death playoff on the 18th hole until a winner is decided. If no clear winner is decided even after 3 holes, the sudden death will move to 1st Hole

## Final Round

1. The top 5 teams shall qualify for the final round. The final round shall be played in Stroke Play Foursome (Alternate Shot) format (Nett) over one round only on the final day of the competition.
2. Each qualified team shall nominate 3 pairs to play in the final round

## Draw

The draw for the finals shall be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

## Handicap for Final Alternate Shot Strokeplay

Handicap for each pair shall be 100% of the aggregate course handicap.

## Team Scores

A team's score for the finals shall be the aggregate of nett scores of the best 4 out of 5 representing the team.



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The winner shall be the team with the least aggregate nett score at the end of the round.  
This will promote players playing to their true and genuine handicap.

### **Tie Breaker**

In case of a tie in the aggregate nett scores at the end of the finals for the top two teams, the same shall be resolved using a sudden death playoff between a foursome. Each team shall select any two players to play against the other team who will also nominate two players. The playoff will be held on the 18th hole. If no winner is decided even after 3 play off holes, the playoff will continue in the following order Hole 1, Hole 3, Hole 5 to be played once each.

### **Prizes (Final Prizes to be confirmed at the time of Auction)**

1. There shall be two team prizes awarded at the end of the tournament.
2. The winning team shall receive a rolling trophy (which shall be kept with the Team for 1 year until the next edition).
3. Gold Medals to each player will be presented in the Winning Team. The winning team shall also receive -----
4. Silver Medals to each player will be presented to the runner-up team. The runner-up team shall receive -----
5. The Committee reserves the right to modify prizes as well as to establish and give away other prizes – team or individual.

### **Draws**

Draws shall be published on the mobile application at least one hour prior to each round and shall be available to all users of the application.

### **Time of Starting**

1. League Matches – Match Play Fourball
2. If neither partner in the side is present at the starting point, within 5 minutes of starting time, a General Penalty applies on the first hole. If the side is not present within 5 minutes, the side is disqualified.
3. The side may be represented by one partner during all or any part of the round. It is not necessary for both partners to be present or, if present, for both to play on each hole.
4. If a partner is absent and then arrives to play, that partner may only start play for the side only between the play of two holes. Note: If one of the players in a match is absent, the strokes applicable and the holes they are applicable on shall be determined as though the player is not absent.

### **Final Round – Stroke Play Foursome (Alternate Shot)**

1. Rule 5.3a applies differently to each partner based on who will play first for the side:
2. The partner who will play first must be ready to play at the starting time and starting point, and must start at (and not before) that time.



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3. The partner who will play second must be present at the starting time either at the starting point or on the hole near where the ball played from the teeing area is expected to come to rest.
4. If either partner is not present in this way, the side is in breach of Rule 5.3a.
5. If the players are at their point within 5 minutes of starting time, General Penalty, else the side is disqualified.

## Rules of Golf

The tournament will be played as per the R&A/USGA Rules of Golf effective January 2019. Local rules of FRIMA as applicable on the day of the respective round will apply.

Distance Finders without the use of Slope are allowed during competition.

## Transportation

Use of motorize transport/buggies is NOT PERMITTED. Penalty for breach of this clause is disqualification of the side.

**Exception:** Players whose handicaps/age on the board are as per use of buggy (i.e., players approved for use of buggy during general play) are allowed to use a buggy during the competition.

The players who are allowed to use a buggy will be flagged at the time of publication of list of players.

## Submission of Match Result/Return of Score Card

1. In match play, the match play is ANNOUNCED if it is submitted to a member of the tournament committee or club staff deputed to accept such results.
2. In stroke play (finals), the scorecard is deemed to be submitted if it is handed over to club staff deputed to collect score cards.

## Result of Round/Competition is Final

1. In the league matches, the result of a match is final once it is ANNOUNCED.
2. The competition results are final, once it has been announced in the Prize Distribution Ceremony.

## Advice Allowed During Team Competition

1. No Advice Between Team Members Other Than Partners or by the Captain of the Team
2. Except when playing together as partners on a side:
3. A player must not ask for advice from or give advice to a member of his or her team playing on the course.
4. This applies whether the team member is playing in the same group as the player or in another group in the course.

## Availability of Players

1. For teams where members become unavailable due to covid/serious medical conditions, the committee shall provide an opportunity and mechanism to backfill with players from the waitlist (with similar handicap levels as the players that have dropped out)
2. **Note:** A player who has become unavailable is deemed to have dropped out from this edition of the DGL and shall NOT be allowed to enter another team.



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### **Any other matters**

The committee shall have sole discretion to decide on matters arising out of Covid-19 and related issues.