Saturday Winter League - Rules for 2026 - 2027

We start from first light, around 8:00am onwards as per the draw.

No gimme putts allowed.

Play off **old** yellow tees, for stableford points.

We play only 16 holes, cutting out the 10th and 11th.

Mats to be used on fairway only. Please remember that if you choose to lift your ball and place it in the semi rough to play it, you must take it to the nearest side from where it lies. If you opt to do this you must play the ball off the grass in semi rough, not from a mat.

Lost Ball in wet, muddy or soft area in the fairway

If your ball is lost and it is known or virtually certain that your ball came to rest on the fairway, in an area which is wet, muddy or soft, you may take a free drop at the nearest point of relief from the spot where you and your playing partners agree that the ball was lost.

The rule relies on your playing partners knowing or being virtually certain that your ball landed on the fairway, but you do not have to see the ball land which would cover those balls stuck over the horizon on a blind hole.

We must rely on playing partners to ensure that the new rule is applied fairly and is not abused, so playing partners should do their best to spot other players shots to allow them to make a fair assessment of the landing area of the shot. The rule will apply to both the Saturday and the Wednesday winter leagues

Handicaps

Use your handicap index on the **yellow** course handicap chart and play off 95% of this as your stableford starting handicap. Numbers rounded up or down to nearest whole number. 10.45 = 10 Handicap, 10.55 = 11 handicap.

Handicap subject to revision during the winter league depending on scores.

If score is between 33 - 35 points handicap is cut by 1 shot.

If score is between 36 or more handicap is cut by 2 shots

No handicap increases.

Play off 3/4 of winter league handicap when course on 6 or more Winter Greens.

If 18 hole course closed and we must play twice around 9 hole course – Play 16 holes by playing the 1st,2nd,3rd,4th,5th,6th,7th,8th, then cut over onto the 2nd,3rd,4th,5th,6th,7th,8th,9th.

Entry Cost & Budget

The cost to enter the league is £10 per head payable to Charlie Paul on or soon after the first days play which will provide a pool of money to be used for a weekly prize fund which will pay out £3 for Best Stableford score, £2 second best stableford score, £1 for third best stableford score.

Prizes

Weekly sweepstake will only be paid out if 6 or more players play. Players must complete the full 16 holes for scores to count for stableford prizes. Unless the course is closed, all submitted completed scores will count towards your total.

The remaining funds will be used to buy 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th prizes for the players with the best aggregate of 6 scores over the winter. In the event of a tie we will identify a winner from the best 7 & 8 scores etc.

All prizes will be presented at a presentation lunch on the last day of the league. Weekly sweep winnings and cash prizes will be paid into your pro shop accounts after the prizegiving.

The ongoing Prize list and results will be collated and published each week on the club website.

Stableford Scores

Players have around 22 weeks from Saturday 31 October 2026 to accumulate their 6 best stableford scores.

On the final day of the league in addition to playing for your individual winter league stableford score, we will play for 2 additional prizes.

The Max Peddie trophy is awarded to the player with the best stableford score on the final day. Max was a long standing former member of our early birds winter league.

The Alan Glancy Quaich, which is a memorial trophy in memory of one of our winter league friends who passed away, will be awarded to the 2nd best stableford on the final day.

Handicap Chart

https://greenockgolfclub.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Greenock-GC-Handicap-Table.pdf