

THE MID CHESHIRE JUNIOR LEAGUE DRAFT RULES 2018

1. The league to consist of 3 divisions with up to 6 clubs in each division.
2. The aim of the league is for all competitions to be played on a Saturday or Sunday
3. Clubs will attend the host club on the arranged day & play a Team Stableford Competition
4. Team colours. The minimum requirement is for all members of the team to wear identical shirts.
5. All teams are expected to observe the dress code of the host club both on the course and in the clubhouse. Host clubs are no longer required to provide a meal for players after the round. Meals at the end of season MCJL Open are paid for out of annual subscriptions.
6. All competitions are open to both boys & girls, with CONGU handicaps. Maximum handicap allowances: boys 28 & girls 36.
7. Age limit: Below 19 years on 1st September 2018. If semi finals or final are after 01 Sep18 a player who has already played in the team may continue to play.
8. The league format is Stroke play Stableford off full handicap. The fixtures are normally non qualifying competitions for handicap purposes and organisers are expected to use General Play adjustments within the handicap system to keep handicaps up to date. During the 2018 trial period a club wishing to run the competition as a Qualifying competition may do so providing it has the necessary resources and authorisations. The MCJL committee reserves the right to allocate an MCJL handicap if it believes a player's handicap does not reflect their current performance.
9. All visiting clubs must present a team sheet to the host club **BY EMAIL AT LEAST 72 HOURS BEFORE PLAY** a list of players with contact details of their parents/guardians and any special needs.. The handicap and CDH number of each player must be included if it's a qualifying competition.
10. A junior can only play for one member club of MCJL in a season.
11. Teams should comprise 3, 4, or 5 players. The best 3 Stableford scores will be aggregated to give the team score. A team of 2 is a minimum requirement and in this case the team score will be assessed as the 2 Stableford scores plus the lowest score of the day of the field.
12. Team members are asked to register with the organiser at least 30 minutes prior to their teams 1st tee time of the day. For shotgun starts all teams must register 45 minutes before the start of the competition.
13. The host club will prepare a start sheet from the team sheets provided and play shall be in 3 balls as far as possible. The Host Organiser may amend the times of starting and order of play if it is deemed reasonable and necessary for those present on the day to complete the fixture
14. The Host Club shall provide a prize of 12 Top grade golf balls for the winning team. If there is a tie the balls will be shared.
15. The team with the highest points is the league winner. Should two or more clubs finish the season on the same number of points, the winner shall be determined by count back on the last 18 holes played. (If still equal , on the last 36 holes, then 48 holes etc)
16. Boys and Girls, the boys will play off the men's tees & the girls will play off the ladies tees, using the respective cards and stroke index. Handicap adjustments shall be made in accordance with the CONGU handicap system formula.

17. Individual golfing disputes, which have not been resolved during play, must be brought to the attention of the host j/o IMMEDIATELY after completion of the round. The host j/o may make a decision within the MCJL rules and the rules of golf, or he/she may refer the matter to the sub-committee for a FINAL ruling. Claims made later than as specified above will not be considered.
18. It is the responsibility of the host junior organiser to advise the other participating clubs at least 4-weeks in advance, by email, the arrangements of the day. The host club shall notify visiting clubs, again by email the start sheet and times, together with any other relevant information at least 24hrs before play. Following the match the host club will submit the results on the MCJL website as soon as practicable after the close of the competition.
19. Caddies are not allowed. Supporters (Parents, friends, team mates) following a group must stay at a DISCREET DISTANCE AT ALL TIMES ONCE A PLAY HAS COMMENCED & MUST NOT GIVE ANY ADVICE OR INFORMATION TO A PLAYER (Rules of Golf - rule 8 applies) Failure to comply will result in 'Disqualification' for the junior receiving advice. Ball spotting & assisting in the search for a lost ball *is* permitted by spectators, fairly, for *all* players in a group.
20. The league AGM will take place on an agreed day following the 'the MCJL Open'. The day will consist of a round of golf if possible at the hosting club, followed by a meal & the AGM. (The cost of the meal to be borne by each guest & paid for if cancelled within 72 hrs of the event).
21. Annual subscriptions must be PAID IN FULL BY 1ST MARCH 2018. Failure to pay by that date shall deem the club to have resigned. Should a club fail to honour their 'league' commitment in a season they will receive an initial 'yellow card'. Failure to honour their commitment a second time in the same season will result in the club being 'red carded' & it may be asked to leave the MCJL.
22. The 3 league winners and the highest average scoring second team will play off in semi finals and final by matchplay with 4 players per team. Should a club be unable to field a team in the league semi final round, given enough notice, the place will be offered to the next available team in league finishing order. In the event of a 2-2 tie, the top pair will determine the winner by "sudden death".
23. If a decision is required, which is outside MCJL rules, a 3-person committee, who will hold office for a period of two years, will make that decision.
24. **If a fixture has to be totally abandoned on the day, due to bad weather or exceptional circumstances, the host club will try to re-arrange it on or before the date of the last MCJL league match.**

AIMS & ASPIRATIONS OF THE MID CHESHIRE JUNIOR LEAGUE

To promote the profile of junior golf at both club & county level & in the process give junior boys & girls the opportunity & experience of enjoying competition & friendship at inter-club level with the added bonus of playing on different courses. In addition it is the aim of The Mid Cheshire Junior League to further the forming of other similar leagues to the mutual benefit of both club & county.

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