

South West Women's Golf Association



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Change control

Version	Who made the change	Date agreed	County Representatives participating in agreement of change	Description Changes made and why
Draft 0.1	Louise Pettitt	Feb 2026		Creation
V1.0	Louise Pettitt	March 2026	Louise Pettitt (Dor) Abby Tuner (Dev) Sam Peach (Cor) Denise Overson (Som) Lauren Hulston (Wil) Alex Saunders (Glo) Karen Rix (SW Chair)	Agreement of draft version to make v1.0

** As a working document this can reviewed after the final at the end of each season to keep up to date and relevant

League setup

The South West Women's County Second Teams operate a round robin league event where the region is split into a North and South Region consisting of 3 counties. The winner of the North and South regions will play each other in a regional final. That split is rotated every 2 years to spread the burden of travel with Somerset and Dorset switching groups every 2 years.

Format for 2027/28, 2031/32

North Region	Dorset	Gloucestershire	Wiltshire
Dorset			
Gloucestershire			
Wiltshire			

Format for 2027/2028, 2031/32

South Region	Cornwall	Devon	Somerset
Cornwall			
Devon			
Somerset			

Format for 2029/2030, 2033/34

South Region	Dorset	Gloucestershire	Wiltshire

Somerset			
Gloucestershire			
Wiltshire			

Format for 2029/2030, 2033/2034

North Region	Cornwall	Devon	Somerset
Cornwall			
Devon			
Dorset			

- Within each region all Counties play a scratch match against all others in the region. The match will be on a single day consisting of 3 foursomes' games am and 6 singles games pm.

2nd Team Eligibility

Selection criteria for the 2nd teams: no player who has obtained their first team colours is eligible to play for the County 2nd team unless that player has not played for the 1st team for a minimum of 5 years and their handicap index now exceeds 5.0.

The player can't have represented their county in ICMW for the past 5 years

2nd Team Colours

Not all Counties award 2nd Team colours, but it has been agreed this is a matter for individual counties - March 2012

Match Date setup

League Home game date setup

The home county must offer the away county 3 dates to play the match (Host Golf Course doesn't have to be confirmed at this point and can be shared even once dates are arranged)

Dates for matches ideally to be confirmed by 31st December prior year. This will allow Counties to book courses for the required date.

Finals date setup

The Final is held at Tiverton GC each year (a mutually agreed central location) on the first Sunday in October and the cost of hosting that final is charged evenly across all counties. Excluding practice rounds and food which will be covered by the counties playing in the final.

South West committee will ensure Tiverton is booked for that date each year.

Match/game scoring

Match results are circulated to the relevant 2nd Team Captains and given to the SW Women's Website Coordinator for publication.

- Foursomes' matches can be halved due to time constraints on the match day
- Singles matches can be halved

Method of Scoring

Match Points

- Winning County 2 match points
- Losing County 0 match points

Game Points (each game in each match):

- Winning County 1 game point
- Halved game ½ game point for each County
- Losing County 0 game points

League match

The winning County shall be the County with the highest number of match points.

In the event of a tie of match points in a league match a clear winner must be found on the day.

Match results are circulated to the relevant 2nd Team Captains and given to the SW Women's Website Coordinator for publication.

Example to demonstrate why a clear winner is required in a league match

<i>Example</i>	<i>Team A</i>	<i>Team B</i>	<i>Team C</i>	<i>Totals</i>
<i>Team A</i>		<i>D - 1 p</i>	<i>W - 2p</i>	<i>3P and game point draw</i>
<i>Team B</i>	<i>D - 1p</i>		<i>W -2p</i>	<i>3P and game point draw</i>
<i>Team C</i>	<i>L - 0p</i>	<i>L - 0p</i>		<i>0P</i>

How to determine a clear winner during a league match

1. Total game points won by each team
2. How many holes won by each team in each game
3. If there is still draw, the winner shall be decided by a sudden death singles match play-off 1 singles match, match number 6

In the event of a tie on match points in the league after all matches have been played the result will be determined by (in order)

- I. Game points will be calculated (ie wins 5 - lose 2 games = total 3 games).
- II. In the unlikely event it's still a draw, holes won in each game will be totaled. (ie 2up+ 3/2 + 2/1 = 7 holes won)

Finals match

1. Total game points won by each team
2. How many holes won by each team in each game
3. If there is still draw, the winner shall be decided by a sudden death singles match play-off 1 singles match, match number 6

Adverse Weather Policy

If the course is closed before play start

- i. If course is closed, but likely to be opened for by noon and 6 singles matchplay games be completed, without foursomes, then play will commence once the course is open. Foursomes score will automatically be considered a ½ to each team for all 3 games
- ii. If there is draw at the end of the singles, the winner shall be decided by a sudden death singles match play-off 1 singles match, match number 6
- iii. If course is closed and not likely to re-open the match must be rescheduled.

If the course is closed during morning foursomes

- i. If course is closed, but likely to be opened and 6 singles games can be completed past 9 holes each, then play will resume on course opening
- ii. If resuming the foursomes doesn't allow enough time for all the singles to complete and all the foursomes games were on the back 9,

the foursomes scores will stand at point of closure. If any of foursomes games were still on the front 9, the foursomes games will be abandoned and scores will automatically be considered a ½ to each team for all 3 games

- iii. If course is closed and not likely to re-open the match must be rescheduled and games played will be abandoned

If the course is closed during afternoon singles

- iv. If course is closed but likely to be opened, resume on course re-opening
- v. If course is closed mid-way through singles games, and not reopening,
 - a. if all games have completed 9 holes the scores at time of closure will be the final result.
 - b. If all games have not completed 9 holes, the whole match will be rescheduled, and game scores will be abandoned. However, if there is a clear Team winner at the time of closure, those games that are still on the front 9 would be awarded ½ point to complete the match
 - c. In the event of a draw after 9 holes of singles and playoff is required the match is to be rescheduled, and games scores abandoned

If the course is likely to be closed due to adverse weather conditions forecast

If there is an adverse weather warning in place for the weekend of the match, the host county must work with the host club rep to confirm if the course is likely to be closed before 1700 Friday. At which point the appointed county representatives can determine if the match is to go ahead or be rescheduled and advise the visiting county rep.

Spectator policy

- Ensure your mobile phone is switched off
- Do not walk close to players or caddies (We don't want allegations that they have been offered advice). You must stay at least 25 metres from the players
- Keep to the sides of the fairways
- Keep away from any ball in play well as not giving advice, do not offer information to players on
- Local Rules, which are often different to those of the club

- Rules of Golf - leave that to referees
- Ball spotting and searching. By all means help, but:
 - Try to avoid trampling down long grass
 - Do not touch a ball if it might be a player's ball
- Do not carry or handle a player's clubs or equipment (the player may be penalised if you do)
- Keep still and quiet and do not use a camera when a ball is being played
- If in doubt - ask a tournament official