



### Intra Club and Family Guidance

GolfSixes League as you know and love will return in 2021, but that doesn't mean as a club you can't keep using the resources to play an 'intra club' and/or family version of the format. You can decide to run junior intra-club, family or a combination of the two leagues. The choice is yours!

We have put together these guidelines and some downloadable resources to help support and encourage the continuation of GolfSixes League activity with the squad within your golf club.

#### **Here's how it can work:**

We want to encourage the GolfSixes League 'intra club' and 'family' format to be as similar to GolfSixes League where possible. The scoring and team element is what makes it so popular.

- Split your squad of 12 into 2 teams of 6. If you have more than your squad of 12 wanting to play, then just create more "teams" of 6.
- Each team of 6 will be made of 3 pairs, these pairs can change for each fixture, but mixed ability should be encouraged.
- If you are running a family league, then pairs will be made up of 1 adult and 1 junior, mixing your team of 3 juniors and 3 adults.
- Depending on the availability of tee times at your club and own club guidelines around Covid-19 you could have 3 x pairs playing together to help keep tee times required to a minimum. Alternatively, if you would prefer and have the tee times available 1 or 2 pairs could play together as a group.
- Keep the existing playing format- 6 Holes, Pairs Texas Scramble, points for number of strokes per hole. All scoring information and rules are available on the downloadable scorecard and first tee checklist.
- Each pairs score will be collated as a team of 6 for a final score for their team.
- League points are awarded based on how many points are scored across the 3 pairs. The team with the highest score will be ranked first and awarded the appropriate amount of league points. The table below shows how many league points are awarded based on their finishing positions:

Number of teams in Club / family League	League Points awarded on position					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
6 teams	6	5	4	3	2	1
5 teams	5	4	3	2	1	
4 teams	4	3	2	1		
3 teams	3	2	1			

- The team with the highest amount of ranking points across all fixtures will be the winning team of the league. In the event of a tie, the highest number of game points accumulated across all pairs and all fixtures will determine the winner
- Create and update a leaderboard after each fixture displaying team scores. You may play as many fixtures as you would like up until 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2020. (After that date for scores and pairs to go forward to the National Wales Golf final)

### Alternative Format:

This format can be useful when you have fewer or uneven numbers:

- Entire squad to play in pairs, try to encourage mixed ability.
- If there is an odd number in your squad, they can play as a single using the same scoring format but they have a mulligan per hole
- Keep the existing playing format- 6 Holes, Pairs Texas Scramble, points for number of strokes per hole. All scoring information and rules are available on the downloadable scorecard and first tee checklist.
- Points are awarded to each player individually for the position of the pair on the day. As per the table above
- Leaderboard displaying individual standings with total points for the series of events
- Participants can play with a different squad member each time rotating pairs throughout full squad. (Depending on number of events played, it may not be possible for all players to pair up with each other- encourage mixed ability in all pairs).

### Things to consider:

- Covid-19 guidelines, please ensure that social distancing and club specific guidance is adhered to and shared with all participants before and throughout the events.
- This is **not** a qualifier to be part of the GolfSixes League Squad for 2021. 'Intra club' and 'family' GolfSixes League has been designed to encourage your juniors back out onto your own golf course, playing with their friends using the GolfSixes League format and scoring.
- We encourage players/clubs to use resources from 2019, including banners/tee markers/ t-shirts if they are available.
- We would also like to encourage the GolfSixes League playing/scoring format to be used as much as possible, but appreciate that adaptations may need to be made to allow for varying numbers within the squad and access to the golf course.
- Wales Golf are looking to arrange a date for a 'intra-club' and 'family' GolfSixes League Final in October
- All participating clubs have to be a SafeGolf Club or working towards the criteria. If you do not meet all of the criteria listed below please contact your Wales Golf Development Officer.

The criteria for a club to be a **SafeGolf Club** is as follows:-

- Gain the online SafeGolf Junior GolfCert Accreditation
- Have a child and adult safeguarding policy in place
- Have a Junior Organiser who is DBS checked and attended a Safeguarding and Protecting Children Workshop (all other volunteers helping within the junior section will also need to have DBS and SPC)

- Have a Club Welfare Officer who has attended an SPC and Time to Listen workshop
- PGA Professional(s) **MUST** be on the SafeGolf Accredited Coaches list on the SafeGolf website (so have a current DBS check and have attended and SPC course)
  - Wales Golf recommends all club PGA Professional(s) to be listed on the SafeGolf list. PGA professional(s) who are delivering or involved in Wales Golf and Golf Foundation Schemes as well as junior coaching **MUST** be on the SafeGolf Accredited Coaches list.

#### **Downloadable Resources:**

- GolfSixes League scorecard, purpose designed for the format and the scoring.
- Digital posters that can be printed to encourage team sign up for each fixture.
- First Tee Checklist.

#### **Physical Resources: (Sent directly to the club)**

- GolfSixes League tee markers.
- GolfSixes League scorecard
- Clipboards and pens.

#### **Monitoring:**

- We will be asking clubs running ‘intra club’ GolfSixes League to complete brief monitoring forms to allow us to see how you have continued GolfSixes League activity.
- We will be asking for monitoring at the end of 2020
- Please share your successes with us via social media.

#### **Next Steps:**

If you are interested in running Intra or family Golf Sixes League, please log in to the GolfSixes League portal on the Golf Foundation website <https://www.golf-foundation.org/clubs/golfsixes-league/golfsixes-league-club-admin/> to complete the expression of interest.

As a reminder the log in details are:

**Username:** GolfSixesLeague

**Password:** GSL2020!

This is where you will find all downloadable resources to run the ‘intra club’ or ‘family’ GolfSixes League.