

## DEVON LADIES' LEAGUE 2007 – RULES

1. Singles matchplay with stroke allowance 3/4 of difference. Maximum handicap 35 with no lower limit.
2. Each club to play one home and one away match against every other club in accordance with the draw. A team consists of 6 players who shall play in order of handicap, plus 1 playing reserve. Failure to field such a team, a 'walk over' of the 6th game may be permitted once. If it happens a second time, the club shall be disqualified for the season. If any decision cannot be resolved, team captains should refer to the League Organiser.
3. Each game within a match receives 3 points for an away win, 2 points for a home win, 1.5 points for an away draw and 1 point for a home draw. The score of the reserve players should be entered on each match sheet but not included in the total. If there should be a tie between clubs at the end of the match season, then the League Organiser would add the reserve players' scores to the team scores to determine the division winners.
4. In the event of a final play off (2 or more clubs) each match must be played to conclusion, not halved on the 18th. If members of the host club are involved a neutral course must be found. A 7th player to be included in the semi-final to enable a conclusion to the matches. Players must have played in two matches prior to playing in the semi-finals and final. The travelling reserve to be eligible if numbers are insufficient.
5. If in any division there is a tie on points and/or matches a play off will take place on a neutral course (not the course designated for the semi-finals or final) to be arranged by the League Organiser of that year.
6. Teams for the semi-finals and final shall be selected from a squad of 10 players.
7. Should the number of clubs entering reasonably enable the League to be played in 4 divisions then the 4 semi-finalists shall be the division winners determined by the points system in 3 above. Otherwise there will be a division winner from 6 divisions determined by the number of points attained. 4 division winners will play quarter finals on a neutral course for 2 semi-final places. 2 division winners will receive byes into the semi-finals. Which division winners play quarter finals and which division winners receive byes shall be decided by draws after the draw for divisions at the AGM.
8. Only members from their home club shall be asked to play. The exception to this being that if a member's home club is not entering a team in this competition she may be eligible to play in the League for any other club to which she belongs.
9. A League team should not include any player who has played in more than 2 County Still Cup and/or County Presidents Trophy matches in the current season. This includes a player's second club.
10. Matches to be played between March and 15th September. Individual clubs to arrange match dates. The semi-finals and final to be played on a neutral course arranged by the host club. Matches are played over 18 holes only, except the semi-finals and final.
11. Teams should not have caddies except in the finals but should a player in other matches have a need of one the opposing Captain must be informed. Caddies are not allowed on the greens.
12. Players must pay for their own teas.
13. Presentation of the Sharp Salver and runners-up cup to be made at the host club after the final. The AGM to be held on a day other than Finals Day and at a central point. The draw for the following year to be made at the AGM. The date for the next AGM to be confirmed but should be before the end of October.
14. Host clubs to be in alphabetical order.
15. Organiser of the League to hand over the minutes, notes and all correspondence appertaining to the League to the next host club.
16. A fee of £7.50 to be paid by all competing clubs to the host club to defray expenses. Any excess to be handed to the next host club.
17. Printed results sheets to be issued by the host club and returned duly signed by the winning club after each match to the League Organiser.
18. League Organiser to display a table of results in host club throughout the season.
19. Weather conditions - if the host course is open the match must be played. If a captain decides not to play their team then the match is a forfeit for that club.