

Winter League 2023/24

Qualification

The qualification criteria for the Winter League Order of Merit are:

- a 7 Day Membership Status or equivalent
- 2 qualifying competitions (yellow or white tee individual competitions) played in the previous twelve months (12th November 2022 to 11th November 2023).
- Members who haven't played enough qualifiers may enter the Winter League. They will be allotted a W/L handicap and be able to play for the weekly cash prizes but will not qualify for any Order of Merit points.

Dates

Winter League rounds can be played on the following dates:

1 - 11th / 12th November 2023	9 - 20th / 21st January 2024
2 - 18th / 19th November 2023	10 - 27th / 28th January 2024
3 - 25th / 26th November 2023	11 - 3rd / 4th February 2024
4 - 2nd / 3rd December 2023	12 - 10th / 11th February 2024
5 - 9th / 10th December 2023	13 - 17th / 18th February 2024
6 - 16th / 17th December 2023	14 - 24th / 25th February 2024
7 - 6th / 7th January 2024	15 - 2nd / 3rd March 2024
8 - 13th / 14th January 2024	16 - 9th / 10th March 2024

Players may only submit one card per Winter League round.

Formats

16 Weeks consisting of 4 different formats

- Weeks 1, 5, 9 & 13 Pairs Betterball Stableford
- Weeks 2, 6, 10 & 14 Pairs Bogey
- Weeks 3, 7, 11 & 15 Pairs Texas Scramble
- Weeks 4, 8, 12 & 16 Pairs BAM (Best Points on 1st, Add Points on 2nd, Multiply Points on 3rd, Best Points on 4th, Add Points on 5th and so on)

Entry Requirements

- An entrance fee of £10.00 per pair will be charged to enter the Winter League. This will cover administrative expenses and prize money.
- To enter the Winter League please place £10.00 in an envelope, write the names on and hand into the Pro Shop. At the same time please write the name of each player on the entry sheet provided in the Changing Rooms.

Weekly Score Cards

- The weekly entrance fee will be collected in the Pro Shop and will cost £5.00 per card. The scorecard should include an entry number which shall be recorded in the entry register against each pair at the time of purchase.
- Winter League scores will only be valid when recorded on a registered Winter League scorecard.
- After each round place the completed card in the score box located next the Pro Shop.

Handicaps

- Each player starts on 3/4 of their Yellow Tee Playing Handicap. This is set at the beginning of the Winter League and will remain throughout the 16 weeks.
- Maximum 24 Playing Handicap (will be adjusted to 18 for playing in the Winter League as listed above).
- The top 5 point scorers each week will have their handicap adjusted based on 2 divisions as follows:
 - 0 9 Winter League handicap = 0.25 adjustment
 - 10 18 Winter League handicap = 0.5 adjustment
- 1st place points (and equal) gets cut 5 x handicap adjustment as above
- 2nd place points (and equal) gets cut 4 x handicap adjustment as above
- 3rd place points (and equal) gets cut 3 x handicap adjustment as above
- 4th place points (and equal) gets cut 2 x handicap adjustment as above
- 5th place points (and equal) gets cut 1 x handicap adjustment as above
- These cuts only apply if the points scored are above the following thresholds:

Betterball 42 points Scramble 42 points Bogey 2 Up BAM 70 points

Playing Partners

- Each pair arrange their own tee times and playing partners.
- A team may also play with a marker.

Note: Junior pairings must play against a team that includes at least one adult member.

Player Substitutions

 No player substitutions shall be allowed for the Order of Merit but anyone can play together in the weekly competitions if they so wish.

Results Table

 After each Winter League weekend a results table will be published together with the names of the weekly prize winners.

Order of Merit

- Best 10 scoring weeks out of the 16 weeks.
- Points allocated based on number of Winter League Entries prior to Week 1 (If 50 pairs enter, then 50 points will be awarded to the winners of each week, 49 points for 2nd, 48 for 3rd and so on).
- Minimum of 10 pairs required for the weekly scores to count towards the Order of Merit.
- Prizes dependant on number of pairs entered.
- Winning Pair after Week 16 will receive the Winter League Shield and their names will be added to the Winter League Honours Board.

Prizes

- Cash payout for each week. This is split into Saturdays and Sundays (If you play on Saturday you are competing against all the Saturday players and the payout will reflect this).
- Weekly prizes can be collected from Pro-shop.
- Overall Order of Merit Prizes as above will be added to each players Shop Account.
- In the event of a tie, count back will be based on the pairs next best finish (11th best round), with the highest points winning the placing.

Competition Committee

• The Competition Committee's decision on any Winter League ruling is final.