



TPGL – 2023

The Hyderabad Golf Association (HGA) was formed with the primary objects of encouraging, promoting and developing the game of golf in Telangana and to accomplish these objects arrange and manage among other things, a league or any other tournaments.

HGA has conceived an innovative Golf League aimed at providing competitive golfing, exclusively for HGA members. It will be known as the “TELANGANA PREMIER GOLF LEAGUE” (TPGL). The league, which is for exclusive participation of HGA Members & Associates, is intended to foster the sport of Golf by providing a friendly, fair & well-managed opportunity to play. A golf tournament which will be played in an atmosphere of camaraderie & healthy competition for all our golfers. Members and their families will be able to participate in the matches and the festivities to have a memorable experience.

There will be 16 teams participating in TPGL and comprising of 5 qualifying rounds and three elimination (play-off) rounds. These will be played in two different formats over a period of 5 weeks, starting October 08th 2023 at HGA Golf Course. The League concludes with a Final Play-off round and a Gala Prize Distribution Event.

League Governing Council

S.no	Name/title	Designation
1.	President – HGA	Chairman
2.	Captain – HGA	Vice-Chairman
3.	Secretary – HGA	Member
4.	Treasurer – HGA	Member
5.	All 16 Team Heads/Captains (HGA Members)	Invitees

League Organising Committee

S.no	Name	Designation
1.	T. Ajay Kumar Reddy	Captain & Chairman
2	D. Vandith Reddy	Hon. Secretary & League administrator
3.	CH. Mohan Rao	Hon Jt Secretary
4.	K. Shashidhar Reddy	League Commissioner & Chairman – Course sub committee
5.	K. Srinath Reddy	Chairman – THC sub-committee
6.	Dr. P. Vijayanand Reddy	Chairman –House sub-committee
7.	Sandeep Rathi	Vice Chairman -THC sub-committee
8.	N. Sankeerth	Vice Chairman – Course sub-committee
9.	B. Sanjay Pulla Reddy	Vice Chairman - House sub-committee

Game co-ordinators

S No	Name
1	K. Shashidhar Reddy
2	N. Sankeerth
3	Sandeep Rathi
4	Sanjay Pulla Reddy

Golf Ombudsman & Referees

S No	Name
1	V. Srinath Rao
2	J. Papi Reddy

LEAGUE FORMAT & RULES

Player Eligibility:

- Open to all HGA Members & Associates, Corporate Members, LTA's and their dependents. All persons entering must have amateur status and be over 21 years of age as on September 1st 2023. Ranked amateur players and student players shall not be eligible to participate in TPGL.
- Interested golfers will have to register with TPGL by filling in an application form with relevant details.
- By entering the tournament, a player is deemed to accept implicitly his/her selection by draw/auction to any team and commits to make himself/herself available to play for that team for the entire duration of the tournament
- A player once selected cannot withdraw from the league and shall be available to play on the designated dates. If a player is unable to play due to a medical emergency, and wishes to dropout, the same shall be informed at least 15 days before the start of the league.

- If two or more players drop out, the team will be given an opportunity to take another player from the registered list of players, by lottery, within the same handicap category. However, this replacement will be allowed only if the players dropping out, has a serious medical condition and not for any other reason. The new player will replace the outgoing player in all team ordered lists. Outgoing player will not be permitted to re-enter the league for the year. Such replacements shall be allowed only before the start of the first round of the League. No replacement of team player will be allowed after the first round of the league starts.
- If a player drops out after being selected for reasons other than on health grounds, he/she shall be prohibited from playing in this league and the next one.
- A Player cannot change a team after he/she gets selected.

Team composition:

- TPGL will have 16 teams of 12 players each divided between three handicap categories (for example: 0-12; 13-18 and 19 above) or as decided by the committee. The Handicap Categories are created after the 75% reduction of the declared HC. The committee reserves the right to increase or decrease the teams and the right to change the handicap categories as per number of entries received to balance team selection.
- Maximum handicap for men 24 and women 30.
- The new TPGL 2023 teams may select a Captain & 3 core members from the list of players registered for the league, as per the specified handicap category.

Teams:

- The sponsorship fee for the team shall be Rs. 6.5 Lakhs (plus GST) for the year of 2023-2024, Rs. 8 Lakhs (plus GST) for the year of 2024-2025 and Rs. 8 Lakhs (plus GST) for the year of 2025-2026.
- Each team will have a sponsor who will be known as the “TEAM SPONSOR.” Only a HGA member/associate can apply for sponsoring a team. The team shall be in the name of a legal entity (having GST registration & PAN) and is represented by the applying member.
- A sponsorship fee shall be charged (payable by DD in favour of Hyderabad Golf Association) along with the application for the team.
- In the event more than 16 teams apply, the teams shall be picked by a lottery.
- The sponsorship fee is in the nature of a contribution to the corpus of the Association and meant to be utilised for conducting the tournament, development of golf and promoting the objects of the association. The league is not a commercial transaction, and no contractual obligation exists between HGA & the Team. The league is a tournament organised by the HGA for its members /associates with an intent to promote and develop the game of golf and create an opportunity to compete.

- New teams selected for TPGL 2023 shall have a tenure of three years or three league tournaments, whichever is less, at the same amount of fee per year as mentioned above and payable prior to start of the league in that year/tournament. However, if the Team sponsor wishes to give up the team after the first or second year/league, he/she can do so by informing the TPGL at least three months prior to the date of the next year's event.
- A team can be applied for by multiple applicants. But only one of them will participate/represent in the league as team sponsor. Each team will have a unique name and logo for identification.

Selecting a team:

- HGA Golfers who wish to participate in the League will have to register by filling a Player Application form.
- The Team sponsor picks a Captain and submits the consent letter from them along with sponsorship fee.
- The Captain will pick 3 league registered players, one from each category as Core team by getting a consent letter from each player chosen & submits it to the league. (Note: In the event of the team sponsor is playing, he will become one of the core team player.) Team sponsor has an option to retain the Captain and Core members for the subsequent year/league with their consent subject to their being eligible in the applicable category.
- The remaining registered players will be ordered into the list of handicap categories as shown above.
- 6 players per team, 2 from each HC category will be selected through an auction process.
- Two players will be selected through a draft process from the list of remaining registered players. This will be an open list and will not be based on handicap category.
- Lucky draw will be used for creating an ordered list of teams and draft picks will go in Round robin format. (1...16), (16..1).

AUCTION PROCESS

The auction shall be for six players. 100 points will be given to each Captain with which he can bid for players. The Captain should ensure that the points given are apportioned to bid for all the 6 players. In the event the team uses up all their points without securing 6 players, they will be allowed to pick the players remaining after the draft process is completed.

Minimum starting bid for each player in the Auction is	5 points
Minimum incremental bid for each player in the Auction is	2 points
Maximum bid for any Player in this Auction is	40 points

If more than one captain is interested in a player by bidding the maximum 40 points then that player will go into a lucky draw.

- All the registered players will be sorted as per their Handicap as described herein above Each registered player's name will come up on the screen (brief bio data).
- Each Captain selects 2 from each category via auction as per defined process.
- At the end of the auction process – each team will have Owner/Captain+3 pre-selected (Core) players + 6 auction picked players = 10

(Note: If the owner/captain runs out of points to pick balance players then they will be allowed to pick the players remaining after the draft process is completed.)

(At the auction process – owner along with captain and core members can sit at an assigned table (max of 5).

DRAFT PROCESS

- All registered players not picked in the auction process will be available in the draft independent of the handicap category.
- Each team will have to pick 2 players from the Draft as defined.
- The draft process will start by a lucky draw to create an ordered list of draft picks (1...16). Numbers 1 to 16 chits will be put into a draw box and one by one owner will be called in to pick a number from the draw (alphabetic order of their team names). The number a team picks from this box will determine the order in which they pick the draft choice.
- If any team has not picked their 6 players in the auction process, they will be given an opportunity to pick from the remaining players in the draft list after the draft process is completed.
- Once the ordered list of teams is created then the list of all the registered players who were not selected in the auction will be open for draft picks by the team Captains. Names of all players eligible for draft with HC will be published on the TV screen for Captains to pick in the defined order.
- The draft selection process will go through a round robin loop. Team 1.... Team 16 then Team 16...1... and so on until each team picks 2 players from the draft. There will be no HC categories in Draft selection process.
- Any player who is registered and not selected by any team will not be able to participate in the League.

League Format

The league shall be played in a Matchplay format with 5 Rounds at league stage and 3 Rounds of Knock out/playoff matches (Quarter Finals, Semi Finals and Finals).

1. 4 groups/divisions (A, B, C, D) shall be made from the 16 registered teams by a lottery.
2. Each team in the group will play with 3 other teams within the group in two different formats to gather points (Singles and 4 Ball Better ball).
3. Each team will participate in Singles and Doubles Better ball (4BBB) rounds as per the published schedule to gather Match Play points.

4. 4BBB match play: win gets 2 points, draw gets 1 point and a loss is 0 points.
5. Singles: win gets 1 point, draw gets 0.5 points and loss is 0 points.
6. In the 4BBB match play, individual handicap (as determined by the TPGL) will be used.
7. Each team will play against every other team in their group as per the published draws. The strokes given / taken is determined by difference in the handicaps.
8. Starting hole/s for the teams will be as per the published draws.
9. League Qualifying Rounds – 5 rounds of qualifying matches at League Stage.
 - 2 rounds of singles matches (8 players/team playing 1 vs 3 in Match Play with Handicap)
 - 3 rounds of doubles (better ball – 8 players/team)
10. Playoff (knockout) Rounds
 - a. Top 2 teams from each group (A, B, C and D) will make it to the Knock out /Playoff rounds
 - b. If there is a tie of match play points between two teams in that ordered list of 8 – the tie breaker will be in the following order –
 - i. Number of match play points gathered in the singles qualifying rounds
 - ii. Number of match play points gathered in the Doubles Better Ball qualifying rounds
 - iii. Lowest cumulative HC of the entire team (12 members)
 - iv. Toss of coin will be the final tie breaker
11. Quarter Finals Playoff/Knock out
 - 1 round for top 8 teams to play quarter-final (4 singles and 2 doubles matches)
12. Semi Finals Playoff/Knock out round with the top four teams (4 singles and 2 doubles better ball).
13. Finals Playoff
 - A finals round will be played between the two semi-finals winner to decide the Winning team in the League (4 singles and 2 doubles).

The Team captain will submit the following for each round:

- Ordered Singles players list of their entire team.
- Ordered Doubles Team list for Better Ball of the team. (Same as above)

All player's list shall be submitted by the team Captain to TPGL in sealed envelopes 12 hours before the start of a particular round. The sealed envelope shall be opened one hour before the round and the matching/pairing shall be done in public and published on the notice board. The League committee will match the ordered list for various rounds from the ordered lists submitted by the respective Captains.

Scheduling of rounds

- All Rounds will be played at HGA.
- Rounds will be played on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday.
- Serial Tee off from T1 and T10 for all rounds as per schedule.
- Each team member has to play a minimum of 2 rounds.
- Top 2 teams from each group will qualify for knockout stage (Playoffs). Group winners are teams with highest points in each group (A1, B1, C1, D1). Group runners up are teams with the 2nd highest points in each group (A2, B2, C2, D2).
- The draws for the knockout/playoff stage shall be intimated.

Handicaps:

1. The handicap for the round must be declared by individual players on the day of the round being played. It shall be the players responsibility to declare his correct handicap before start of every round.
2. The handicap considered for the league, will be as per the handicap (handicap index is not taken into consideration) shown on the HGA notice board as explained below.
3. The handicaps for the duration of this tournament will be fixed to 75% of the lowest handicap held by the player as on 01st September 2023. Modified HC will NOT be 75% reduced.
4. If a player has a Modified Handicap listed on the notice board. For that player(s) the lowest of the Reduced HC and Modified HC will be taken into consideration. This HC will be fixed for a player through the league.
5. A player who does not have a handicap at HGA, shall produce a handicap certificate (as on 01st September 2023) along with his last 20 scores, from any IGU recognized club with slope & course ratings. If a player does not have a h/c, he/she is not eligible to participate. Any violation in HC declaration will attract disqualification and disciplinary action by the committee.
6. If a player has a handicap in multiple clubs, the player has to declare the lowest handicap which shall be considered for the entire league (as on 01st September 2023).
7. For all non-HGA handicaps used by players, it will be lowered by 75% for HC categorization.
8. The committee reserves the right to accept or reject Handicap Certificate issued by an institution other than HGA. It also reserves the right to adjust handicaps as per exceptional tournament scores.
9. The Senior and Lady players will be playing from Yellow and Red Tee boxes respectively; corresponding Handicaps will be used for them in TPGL-2023
10. The TPGL-2023 individual player reduced handicaps to be used through the league will be published on the notice board near the HGA Starter hut.
11. The Captain & the Player shall be solely responsible for giving the correct handicap. The committee reserves the right to bar the player from playing or disqualify the team from playing as it deems fit in the event of any misrepresentation of handicaps. All the information in the application is sole responsibility of the player or team owners as applicable. Any discrepancy shall lead to termination from participating in the league.

OTHER RULES

1. The independent League Referee shall be the final authority for all issues relating to the rules of golf. His/her decision shall be final and binding on all the golfers participating in the league. Neither the Managing Committee nor the League committees shall be responsible for any decision taken by the Golf referee.
2. Any issue relating to matters other than golf rules shall be adjudicated by the TPGL Governing Council.
3. All local rules as on date of play will be applicable.
4. Caddies allotment process will go through a round robin format. Team 1.... Team 16 then Team 16...1... and so on.
5. The Managing Committee of HGA reserves the right to add, modify or change the terms and conditions of the league or any other matters that have not been covered in this document and the decision of the Managing Committee shall be final and binding on all the players and team.

PRIZES

1. **TEAM WINNERS – 12 % of the fee paid by combined Team sponsors**
2. **TEAM RUNNERS – 8% of the fee paid by the combined Team sponsors**
3. **Most valuable player (MVP) – Rs 3 lakhs**

TPGL 2023 SCHEDULE

Sl. No	EVENT NAME	DATE	DAY
1	First day of Player registration	Sunday	Sep-03
2	Last date for Player Registration	Tuesday	Sep-12
3	TPGL-GC to list 3TPGL-Handicap Categories of Players	Wednesday	Sep-13
4	Owners to submit (Captains + Core Players list)	Saturday	Sep-16
5	Players Auction + Draft – Dinner	Wednesday	Sep-20
6	Final Players List of All Teams	Thursday	Sep-21
7	Scoring Software Review and Dry Run	Saturday	Sep-23
8	Team Groupings (Lucky Draw)	Saturday	Sep-23
9	Owners + Captains Orientation	Saturday	Sep-23
10	TPGL-2022 Launch – Dinner	Friday	Oct-06
11	First Round	Sunday	Oct-08
12	Second Round	Wednesday	Oct-11
13	Third Round	Saturday	Oct-14
14	Fourth Round	Wednesday	Oct-18
15	Fifth Round	Saturday	Oct-21
16	Open Day to catch up	Wednesday	Oct-25
17	Quarter Finals	Sunday	Oct-29
18	Semifinals	Wednesday	Nov-01
19	Finals	Saturday	Nov-04
20	TPGL Prize Distribution Event – Dinner	Sunday	Nov-05

Note: should the round be not completed due to weather, the same shall continue the next day as determined by the committee. The committee decision shall be final.



CONSENT LETTER FROM CAPTAIN / CORE/PLAYERS

To,
The League Administrator,
Telangana Premier Golf League,
Hyderabad Golf Association,
Hyderabad

Date:

Dear Sir,

I _____ having been selected as a _____
to play for _____ team, hereby confirm and give my
consent to represent and play for this team and participate in TPGL-2023 League conducted
by Hyderabad Golf Association.

I have read and understood the rules of the league and its terms and conditions and agree
to abide by them.

Thanking You

Sincerely

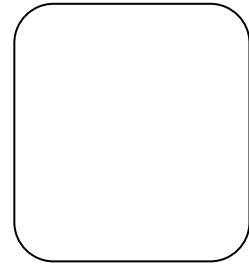
Name:

HGA Membership Number:

Signature:



TPGL – Player Registration Form



Passport Photo

Name:	
HGA Membership no:	
Mobile no:	
Email id	
HGA Handicap as on (01 st September 2023)	
Handicap in other clubs, if any	
Golf experience (# of years)	
Golf accomplishments (if any)	
Any specific requests	
SIGNATURE	

Terms & conditions of participation

1. By entering the tournament, a player is deemed to have accepted the selection by core/draw/auction to any team and commits to be available to play for that team. A player once selected cannot withdraw from the league nor can the player join another team.
2. If a player is unable to play due to an emergency, and wishes to dropout, the same shall be informed at least 7 days before the start of the league. If a player drops out after being selected, for reasons other than due to serious medical emergency/ Covid, he shall be prohibited from playing in the league for the next two years.
3. The handicap considered for the league, will be as per the handicap (handicap index is not taken into consideration) shown on the HGA notice board.
4. The handicaps for the duration of this tournament will be fixed to the handicap held by the player as mentioned above in the Handicaps section.
5. If a player has a handicap in multiple clubs, the player must declare the same for the league and only the lowest handicap shall be considered.
6. The tournament will be played as per the R&A/USGA Rules of Golf effective January 2023. Local Rules of HGA as applicable on the day of the respective round will apply. The player shall strictly follow the rules and regulations of the league in force and the local rules as specified.
7. The player shall abide by the Rules of HGA & code of conduct as set out in the Bye-laws. Players will be in violation of this Code of Conduct if they engage in abusive language, club throwing, disrespect of volunteers or officials, abuse of the golf course, use of drugs or alcohol during play, not adhering to the dress code, leaving the course during a competitive round without permission of an official, vandalism, cheating, wilfully disturbing the other players, abusive behaviour to co-players, employees, caddies and Otherwise failing to conduct themselves in keeping with the game's traditions, which includes respect for fellow players. Players may be withdrawn from the league at the discretion of the TPGL organising committee for any breach in the code of conduct.
8. Any breach of rules or acts such as declaring a wrong score, cheating, improving the lie of the ball and any such breach of rules, etiquette etc. will result in penalisation, disqualification and disciplinary action which may lead to suspension.
9. The league rules & regulations, terms & conditions as formulated from time to time shall be binding on the player.
10. Any issues pertaining to the rules of golf, format, decisions relating to golf etc. shall be referred to an independent League Referee, who will decide based on the rules of golf in force and his decision shall be final and binding.
11. Any other issues arising shall be referred to the TGPL Governing council, which shall adjudicate and decide on the issue which shall be final and binding on the team sponsor/player.
12. Pace of play is very important for the player(s) to follow. Please follow the On Course Marshals instructions to increase pace of play if your group comes to his attention.

I, _____ do hereby apply to join the Telangana Premier Golf League being conducted by the HGA. I have read the above terms & conditions of the league, rules & regulations and agree to abide by them as notified from time to time.

Signature
