

League Matches

U16 League – Refer also to SEG General Conditions

Southern Section: Hampshire IOW & CI, Kent, Surrey and Sussex.

Central Section: Berks Bucks & Oxon and Middlesex.

Eastern Section: Norfolk and Suffolk

Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire will rotate between East (1 county) and Central (2 counties). In 2024 Essex will be in East, followed by Hertfordshire in 2025 and Bedfordshire in 2026.

Host counties should ensure that a responsible adult remains at the venue until ALL players have left or are in the care of their parents or their county representative (or someone properly appointed by either their parents or county).

Eligibility

Open to members of Golf Clubs affiliated to a SEG County Golf Union, but no player can represent a County in SEG League Matches unless their Home Club is in that County.

Competitors must be under the age of 16 at 00.00 on 1st January in the year in which the competition is to be played.

The penalty for fielding an ineligible player in a match is disqualification of the team.

Dress Code

Competitors are expected at all times to comply with the dress code in place at the host club. The England Golf “Hard Card” rules relating to dress code will apply.

Format

Matches to be played in triangular format.

Individual matchplay over 18 holes in teams of 8 players – ties are permitted.

Caddies are NOT permitted.

Games will be played in Handicap Index order (**highest handicaps first**).

Matches arranged by the host county, on dates to be mutually agreed, should be played before the end of August.

After the completion of a match, the host county will provide suitable refreshments for all players and a maximum of two officials from each county.

If a County is unable to field a complete team the games forfeited will commence with the **first**, followed by the second etc etc.

Host counties will cover the cost of catering on matchday and any Facility Fee.

In the Southern section, counties may wish to vary who hosts who each year.

Match Results

Match results must be communicated to the SEG Secretary as soon as the match is completed using whichever method of communication has been chosen by the Championship Committee.

In the event of a league match walk over, the allocation of game and match points will be decided by the Championship Committee after consideration of all facts.

League Standings

A match win is given 2 league points and a draw is given 1 point.

In the event of a tie by points scored in each section, the County to qualify for the final will be decided as below:

1. The total game points won in all league matches
2. The number of match points won in league matches between the tied counties
3. The number of game points won in the league matches between the tied counties
4. The scores in individual games in the last league match between the counties, **starting with the last game and continuing in reverse game number order**
5. As per 4 but referring to the previous league match(es) between the tied counties commencing with the penultimate match.

The Final

The final between the winners of the three sections will be held in October, with the venue dictated by a rota of the eleven SEG Counties. SEG Secretary is responsible for making the necessary arrangements with the Host County and Club.

In the event of a tie in the Final, the winner will be the county with the most game points won in the Final. If still tied, the match between the tied counties will be decisive. If still tied, the scores of individual games in the match between the tied counties will count, starting with the last game and if still a tie, the remaining games in ascending order.

General

Inclement weather: If in any Championship it becomes impossible to complete the Championship in accordance with that Championship's Conditions because of adverse weather conditions or other circumstances, the Championship Committee may vary such conditions to the extent necessary to achieve a result within the time available.

Any County wishing to withdraw from the league must give notice of intent by not later than 1st November of the year before the withdrawal.