

# Federation of East Midlands Croquet Clubs

## Golf Croquet Leagues 2023

### Advantage Play

### Rules and Regulations

#### GENERALLY

The rules of the current Level Play league shall apply except as stated below.

#### A ELIGIBILITY

- A02 Individual players cannot play for another team in this league BUT that does not prevent them also playing for one team in the Level Play league.
- A04 There are no handicap restrictions in this league
- A05 Although the holding of a handicap card is necessary for 2023, the results in this league should not be entered onto the card.

#### B GAMES

- B01 Play will be in accordance with the latest printed edition of the WCF Rules of Golf Croquet and in particular rule 21.
- B05 All games will be played to Advantage Play using the 'Table of Starting Scores – for first to 7 points – all handicaps' published as at 1<sup>st</sup> April for the whole season.
- B06 All games will be subject to a time limit of 60 minutes.
- B07 This clause DOES NOT apply ie there are no extra shots and plays stops at time whether there is a win or a draw. Any ball struck before time is called will be deemed to complete its run inside the time limit.

#### E MANAGEMENT

- E08 Additionally the home team shall have a copy of the 'Table of Starting Scores' available throughout the match. Starting scores should be recorded on the Result Sheet (Advantage).
- E10 When submitting the result sheet at least the Home team captain should provide feedback on the format of the Advantage game and any practical implications.

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#### GUIDANCE/COMMENT

The 'Table of Starting Scores' is published online at – <https://worldcroquet.org/advantagegc>

Scoring – this has caused some issues and there is advice available from the above link – however an option to consider is that the stronger player places clips or pegs on the centre peg (or a stick outside of the play area) equal to the minus starting number. A clip/peg is removed and pocketed when the player scores a point. Upon reaching zero the player reverts to their preferred scoring system. The weaker player scores with their preferred scoring system throughout.

It is important that when every point is scored the players verbally confirm the score

Doubles – the average of the two players' handicap is used. Where this is not a whole number, the average is rounded up eg if the average is 6.5 then rounding makes it a 7.

Time Limits - One of the key issues for the trial is the effect of time limiting individual games. The above rules have a 'long stop' time limit as otherwise to get to +7 points could extend the total match time beyond maybe reasonable limits – last season there were a few games, within the 45 minute time limit, that were won with only 3 or 4 points for the winner. I ask how long would those games have gone on for the winner to (from, say, a -2 start) gain their 9 points. There is a requirement on the result sheet to state the time taken for each game.