



Terms of Competition

1. Tournament Committee

The Tournament Committee shall comprise of the following:

Sanjai. A. Poll	Captain, Bangalore Golf Club
Krishnan Ganapathy	Rules Official
Kavery Muthanna	Rules Official

In the absence of the full Tournament Committee, such members as may be present at the time may be present at the time may give a decision and any decision so given shall be deemed to be a decision of the full Tournament Committee.

The Tournament Committee shall have the sole management and control of the tournament with full authority at any time to alter or vary any of the conditions. The Tournament Committee's decision on matters affecting the Tournament shall be final. Protests must be made in writing and submitted to the Tournament Committee within thirty (30) minutes of the conclusion of the day's play.

2. Format

The Bangalore Golf League is an inter-team golf tournament among 16 teams.

The 16 teams shall be divided into 4 groups of four teams each.

In the league stage, teams in each group will play each other in round robin format. Each encounter between teams shall comprise of 8 four ball matches.

At the end of the league stage, the top two teams shall be eligible to play the final round and shall field 8 pairs of players each in a stroke play foursome (alternate shot) tournament.

The winning team shall be determined by the aggregate scores of the best 7 scores of each team.

3. Teams Structure

a. No. Of Teams

The BGL shall have a total number of 16 teams distributed across four groups.

An owner may 'purchase' a team on payment of Rs. 3,00,000/- including GST payable to Bangalore Golf Club.

In case of higher number of requests, allocation of teams shall be at the sole discretion of the Organizing Committee.



b. Team Composition

Each team shall comprise of 19 players For each round, the team must select 16 out of 19 players to play the round. In addition, [ONLY] one player may be nominated for each round as a stand-by to fill in for a player becoming unavailable for that week. There are no restrictions on the selection of the playing 16 for any round.

4. Team Owner Responsibilities

a. Owner Commitments to the Team

1. The owner shall provide T-shirts and caps to all team members.
2. The owner shall coordinate uniforms for team members during playing days
3. Goodie bags as defined by team owner

b. Owner Commitments to the Committee

1. Define/Design Team colors and flag. This needs to be provided to the organizing committee within schedules defined by the committee
2. Define/Design Team Logo to be used by the team.
3. Define/Design Team Song/audio (to be used during promotion events)
4. Define/Design Team Video to be part of event promotion

c. Commitments to Team Owner from the Bangalore Golf League

1. Team Logos shall be used in all communications/promotions
2. Team Logos and back drop on the 1st and 10th tees
BGC shall be responsible for production of flags for the back drop based on design provided by owner
3. Team Owner may independently secure up to 4 Co-Sponsors for the team
4. Each team shall get one tee box for publicity by draw of lots (3rd/8th tee area will be split)
5. Two advertising runner boards (4'x2') with content defined by owner. Specific location of such boards cannot be committed. These may be utilized by the owner to promote co-sponsors if any, at owner's discretion.
6. In addition to the BGL logo and the team logo, up to 4 logos can be placed on team T-shirts
7. Short Videos (team/promoter) to be run on the video wall of the clubhouse during the course of BGL
8. Owner can provide items (with own branding) to be included in the common goodie bag (provided to all players in the league)
9. Team Logos displayed on tables on event days
10. Coverage in special BGL edition Crow Times
11. Scoring/Communication application (phone app) shall be provided for intra-team communication and for live scoring



5. Team Selection Process

a. Step 1: Determining Premium and Draft Pool

Out of all entries received, the players will be ranked according to their handicaps. The top 144 players will form the Premium Pool, and the rest will form the Draft Pool. These lists will be provided to all owners, to form their core team

b. Step 2: Core team selection

Each team shall select 7 players into their core team and shall submit their details in the appropriate form (Appendix II Core Team Selection Form), with the following restrictions.

1. A maximum of 3 players (including owner/captain) may be from the premium pool. Remaining 4 must be from the Draft Pool
2. All players selected need to confirm their selection into only one team during this phase.
3. After this stage, the remaining 96 players from the premium pool will be reserved for AUCTION. Each team must select 6 players from this pool during AUCTION.
4. The remaining players from the draft pool will play a qualifying round to determine the top 96 players. These top 96 players will become the draft pool. Each team must select 6 players from this pool during DRAFT
5. Players finishing 97th onwards in the qualifying tournament will form the stand-by pool in order of their finish. These players can be drafted by owners in case replacement players are needed

c. Step 2 – Team Draft Selection

Each team shall select 6 players from Draft pool over multiple rounds of selection. In each round, each team shall select one player of their choice from the draft pool. The order of picks will be determined by lots. 6 players shall be selected during this stage.

d. Step 2: Auction Stage – Bid Process

An open auction shall be held for all team owners (see schedule), where the owners may bid using notional money assigned to each team. Each team is assigned a purse of Rs. 3 crores that can be used by the team to purchase up to 6 players from the premium pool.

e. Non-availability of team members after selection

After team selection is complete, the team shall take ownership on all impact due to non-availability of a player selected into the team.

However, the Tournament Committee reserves the right call upon players from the standby list if it considers a situation exceptional and requiring correction.



f. Non-availability of players due to COVID

Teams where players have become unavailable after the draft phase due to COVID shall have opportunity to correct the same. Please refer 19Impact of Covid-19 below.

6. Players

a. Eligibility

- Players shall maintain Amateur status for the period of the tournament.
- Players need to be members of Bangalore Golf Club
- Players must not have played in the following national amateur tour in the previous 365 days (including feeder tours) – Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Amateur Men.
- Players must be at least 21 years of age as on the day of registration.
- Player must not be a student member or a student in wait-list.
- **NOTE: The committee may, at its sole discretion, invite amateur players not fitting the all above conditions.**

b. Handicap

- Player's Handicap applicable for the tournament shall be the LOWER of
 - Average handicap held between June 20, 2021 and Nov 10, 2021, OR
 - Handicap as on Nov 10, 2021
- For player's who maintain their handicap outside of BGC, the corresponding handicap calculation will be made after obtaining details from the home club
- Maximum handicap is limited to 24. Players with handicap higher than 24 may participate. However, they will have to play off a handicap of 24.
- 75% of Handicap shall be applicable for each player for match play rounds
- For the final round of Alternate Shot Stroke Play, 100% of Handicap shall be applicable for each player.
- The BGC handicap committee shall publish the handicap for registered players. The handicap committee's decision shall be final.

c. Application and Entry Fee

A player wishing to play in the Bangalore Golf League shall apply for the same using the Player Registration Form (refer Appendix I Player Registration Form).

This includes prospective team owners/captains who wish to play.

Each player shall pay an entry fee of Rs. 500/-.

d. Player consent on availability

The player shall also sign the consent note in the entry form, thereby agreeing to be available for the 4 weeks of play of the tournament and to agree to play for the team for which the player is chosen during team selection process.



e. Player pools for selection

The overall set of playing members registered for the event shall be designated into two primary player pools.

i. Premium Pool

The top 144 players from amongst all registered players by handicap shall be part of the 'Premium' pool. The Committee shall have sole discretion in identifying players into the premium pool. At the end of the core team selection, the top 96 players will be reserved for selection into teams by auction.

ii. Draft Pool

All players not included in the premium pool shall be part of the Draft Pool. Players from the draft pool shall be selected by teams in the 'Draft Stage' of the team selection process. Once 64 players are selected from the Draft pool, the remaining players will participate in a qualifying tournament to determine the top 96 players. These 96 players become the draft pool, and each of them must be selected by a team during the 6 rounds of draft process

Players who do not qualify for the draft pool through the qualifying tournament, will be placed in a Stand-by pool. In case a team needs to replace a player, they must select the players from this stand-by pool only, based on their ranking

f. Tees

Men shall play from the tees that correspond to their course handicap at BGC.
Women shall play from Red Tees.

g. Unavailability of League Players

If a player is unavailable for a match after player has been selected for a league match, the team is deemed to have lost the services of the player. The second player in the pair shall compete against the opponents as a single-ball.

Exception 1: Standby Player – For each round, a team may nominate one player as standby for that round (for both days together). If a player becomes unavailable to play that round, the player's position can be filled in by the standby player.

The unavailability can be due to any reason including when a player who is eligible to use a golf-cart is unable to do so due to weather conditions.

Note: For any given round, **only one** substitution may be availed by the team.

Exception 2: If a player is afflicted with covid and is withdrawn from the tournament (as per 19. Impact of Covid-19), the player so withdrawn may be replaced by another player.



7. Schedule of Events

1. Call for Team Owner Applications: November 10, 2021
2. Announcement of the Bangalore Golf League: November 11, 2021
3. Call for application from players: November 11, 2021
4. Final date for receipt for application from players: November 20, 2021
5. Last date for registration of Team Owners: November 24, 2021
6. Final date for submission of Captain and Core Teams: Sat, Nov 27th, 2021
7. Final date for Submission of Flag colors and logo design: December 5, 2021
8. Qualifying tournament to determine top 96 players for draft pool: Wed, Dec 8th
9. Draft: Monday, December 13, 2021
10. Auction: Tuesday, December 21, 2021
11. Inauguration: Wednesday, January 5, 2022
12. League Round – 1
 - a. Final date for submission of team line up/seeding: January 6, 2022 17:00hrs
 - b. Matches 2, 4, 6 & 8: January 7, 2022
 - c. Matches 1, 3, 5 & 7: January 8, 2022
 - d. Reserve Day: January 11, 2022
13. League Round – 2
 - a. Final date for submission of team line up/seeding: January 13, 2022 17:00hrs
 - b. Matches 1, 3, 5 & 7: January 14, 2022
 - c. Matches 2, 4, 6 & 8: January 15, 2022
 - d. Reserve Day: January 18, 2022
14. League Round – 3
 - a. Final date for submission of team line up/seeding: January 20, 2022 17:00hrs
 - b. Matches 5, 6, 7 & 8: January 21, 2022
 - c. Matches 1, 2, 3 & 4: January 22, 2022
 - d. Reserve Day: January 25, 2022
15. Final Round:
 - a. Final date for submission of team line up: January 28, 2022 17:00hrs
 - b. Finals – Strokeplay Foursome (Alternate Shot): January 29, 2022
16. Prize Distribution/Gala Dinner: January 29, 2022 19:00hrs

8. Preliminary League (Group Stage)

a. General

The 16 teams shall be distributed into 4 groups. All teams in each group shall play each other in a round robin format across 3 rounds of the Preliminary League in the group stage. (Refer Appendix V Group Stage – Playing Schedule)

At the end of the group stage, the top two teams from each group shall qualify for the finals.



b. Playing Format

Each league match shall be played between teams as 8 four-ball matches. Each pair shall gain 3 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 for a loss counted towards the team score.

The aggregate of points won by all 8 pairs shall be score of the Team.

c. Team Matchups

Each team shall nominate 8 playing pairs (refer Appendix III League Round – Team Nomination Form) prior to each round, deliverable to the committee using the paper form. as per the Schedule of Events. Draws for the fourball match play shall be made as follows. Each nominated pair in one team shall play the corresponding pair from the opposing team. i.e., The first seeded pair in the list of one team shall play the first seeded pair in the list of the opposing team, and so on.

d. Tie Breaker

The top two teams from each group shall qualify to play the finals.

In case of a tie for any position, the tie breaker shall be based on the aggregate points gained by the teams in the 3 rounds in the following order:

1. Aggregate points of top 3 seeded matches of all 3 rounds. (As per seeding lists submitted by owners)
2. Aggregate points of the top seeded pair of all 3 rounds.

In case of a tie for a position after the above rules are applied, the tie shall be broken by draw of lots.

9. Final Round

The top two teams from each group shall qualify for the final round. The final round shall be played in Stroke Play Foursome (Alternate Shot) format over one round only on the final day of the competition.

Each qualified team shall nominate 8 pairs to play in the final round (refer Appendix IV Final Round – Team Nomination Form) using the BGL app.

a. Draw

The draw for the finals shall be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

b. Handicap

Handicap for each pair shall be 50% of the aggregate course handicap of the two players rounded up to the nearest whole number.



c. Team Scores

A team's score for the finals shall be the aggregate of scores of the best 7 scores representing the team.

The winner shall be the team with the least aggregate score at the end of the round.

d. Tie Break

In case of a tie in the aggregate scores at the end of the round, the same shall be resolved using the score of the side whose score was not selected (i.e., the worst score of the team).

If the tie persists, the tie shall be broken by the best 3 scores, followed by best score. If there is no resolution, the tie will be resolved by draw of lots.

10. Prizes

There shall be two team prizes awarded at the end of the tournament.

The winning team shall receive a rolling trophy (which shall be kept at the Bangalore Golf Club).

Replicas of the trophy shall be given to the winning team.

The runner-up team shall receive similar replica trophies (of a smaller size).

The winning team shall receive a golf trip to Pune.

The runner-up team shall receive a golf trip to Ooty/Wellington.

The Committee reserves the right to modify prizes as well as to establish and give away other prizes – team or individual.

11. Draws

Draws shall be published on the mobile application at least one hour prior to each round and shall be available to all users of the application.

12. Time of Starting

a. League Matches – Match Play Fourball

If neither partner in the side is present at the starting point, within 5 minutes of starting time, a General Penalty applies on the first hole. If the side is not present within 5 minutes, the side is disqualified.

The side may be represented by one partner during all or any part of the round. It is not necessary for both partners to be present or, if present, for both to play on each hole.

If a partner is absent and then arrives to play, that partner may only start play for the side only between the play of two holes.

Note: If one of the players in a match is absent, the strokes applicable and the holes they are applicable on shall be determined as though the player is not absent.



b. Final Round – Stroke Play Foursome (Alternate Shot)

Rule 5.3a applies differently to each partner based on who will play first for the side:

The partner who will play first must be ready to play at the starting time and starting point, and must start at (and not before) that time.

The partner who will play second must be present at the starting time either at the starting point or on the hole near where the ball played from the teeing area is expected to come to rest.

If either partner is not present in this way, the side is in breach of Rule 5.3a.

If the players are at their point within 5 minutes of starting time, General Penalty, else the side is disqualified.

13. Rules of Golf

The tournament will be played as per the R&A/USGA Rules of Golf effective January 2019. Local rules of BGC as applicable on the day of the respective round will apply.

14. Transportation

Use of motorize transport/buggies is NOT PERMITTED. Penalty for breach of this clause is disqualification of the side.

Exception: Players whose handicaps on the board are as per use of buggy (i.e., players approved for use of buggy during general play) are allowed to use a buggy during the competition.

The players who are allowed to use a buggy will be flagged at the time of publication of list of players.

15. Submission of Match Result/Return of Score Card

In match play, the match play is ANNOUNCED if it is submitted to a member of the tournament committee or club staff deputed to accept such results.

In stroke play (foursome finals), the scorecard is deemed to be submitted if it is handed over to club staff deputed to collect score cards.

16. Live Scoring

Live scoring shall be enabled in the android/iPhone app. All playing members shall update scores/status of match on the mobile application

17. Result of Round/Competition is Final

In the league matches, the result of a match is final once it is ANNOUNCED.

The competition results are final, once it has been announced in the Prize Distribution Ceremony.



18. Advice Allowed During Team Competition

a. No Advice Between Team Members Other Than Partners

Except when playing together as partners on a side:

- A player must not ask for advice from or give advice to a member of his or her team playing on the course.
- This applies whether the team member is playing in the same group as the player or in another group in the course.

b. Advice Giver

Each team may nominate a maximum of one advice giver at any point in time (including captain or owner). Each team shall be provided tags indicating such status. A non-playing member of the team may be an advice giver only if wearing such a tag.

Exception 1: If a team's advice giver is a player on the course, he or she is not allowed to act in that role while playing a round in the competition. While playing a round, the advice giver is treated like any other playing team member for the purposes of the restrictions on advice in Rule 10.2a.

Exception 2: The advice giver shall not walk on the putting green.

Penalty for breach of this rule: General Penalty

19. Impact of Covid-19

Covid-19 numbers have steadily reduced and are not expected to have an impact on the event. In the unlikely event that a player/team is affected due to Covid, such effect shall be handled as below.

a. Availability of Players

For teams where members become unavailable due to covid, the committee shall provide an opportunity and mechanism to backfill with players from the waitlist (with similar handicap levels as the players that have dropped out)

Note: A player who has become unavailable is deemed to have dropped out from this edition of the BGL and shall NOT be allowed to enter another team.

b. Any other matters

The committee shall have sole discretion to decide on matters arising out of Covid-19 and related issues.



Appendix I. Player Registration Form

Name	
Membership Number	
Email ID	
Mobile	
BGC Handicap	
Handicap Index	
Home Club	

Consent to Play and Confirmation of Availability

I hereby confirm my availability for all days of the tournament as specified in the tournament schedule (Round 1: January 7/8, Round 2: January 14/15, Round 3: January 21/22&Finals on January 29, 2022).

I also accept my selection into any team following the process of team selection defined in the terms of the competition.

Please debit my account for the amount of Rs. 500/- towards the tournament fee.

Name & Signature



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Appendix II. Core Team Selection Form

TEAM:

S.No.	Name of Player	Signature
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		

Player Declaration: By affixing my signature as above, I hereby agree to play for this team, and I am aware that I will be disqualified from BGL 2021, if I sign up with more than one team.

(Owner/Captain)
Name & Signature



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Appendix III. League Round – Team Nomination Form

TEAM:

AGAINST:

LEAGUE ROUND:

Seeding	Name of Player
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
StandBy	



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(Owner/Captain)
Name & Signature



Appendix IV. Final Round – Team Nomination Form

TEAM:

S. No.	Name of Player
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
StandBy	

(Owner/Captain)
Name & Signature



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Appendix V. Group Stage – Playing Schedule

Team Serial No.	x1	x2	x3	x4
x1		x1 v x2 January 7/8, 2022	x1 v x3 January 14/15, 2022	x1 v x4 January 21/22, 2022
x2	x1 v x2 January 7/8, 2022		x2 v x3 January 21/22, 2022	x2 v x4 January 14/15, 2022
x3	x1 v x3 January 14/15, 2022	x2 v x3 January 21/22, 2022		x3 v x4 January 7/8, 2022
x4	x1 v x4 January 21/22, 2022	x2 v x4 January 14/15, 2022	x3 v x4 January 7/8, 2022	

The match-ups between teams in the preliminary league (group stage) shall be as per the above table.

For e.g. In the Group A, team no. 1 shall play team no. 2 on January 7/8, 2022. Team no. 2 shall play team no. 3 on January 21/22, 2022, etc.

This shall be the case for each group.

In round 1, Seeded matches 2, 4, 6 & 8 shall be played on the Friday and seeded matches 1, 3, 5 & 7 shall be played on the Saturday.

In round 2, seeded matches 1, 3, 5 & 7 shall be played on the Friday and seeded matches 2, 4, 6 & 8 shall be played on the Saturday.

In round 3, seeded matches 5, 6, 7 & 8 shall be played on the Friday and seeded matches 1, 2, 3 & 4 shall be played on the Saturday.

In case of suspension of play due to weather considerations, the matches shall be completed on the Tuesday following the scheduled day of play.



Appendix VI. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TEAM

TEAM NAME:

Owner's Name	
Company/Organization (if applicable)	
Email ID	
Mobile	
PAN	
Payment Mode/Reference (Cheque/DD no)	

I hereby request for consideration, the registration and participation of the above team in the Bangalore Golf League. I have enclosed the application fees for the same with the form.

I agree to abide by the terms and conditions defined by the organizing committee and the tournament committee and understand that the decisions by the said committees are final and binding.

I understand that the authority to award a team in the Bangalore Golf League rests solely with the Organizing Committee and that their decision is final and binding, and that, if the application is not successful, the payment made towards this application shall be returned in full and no additional recourse shall be available.

I agree to abide by the minimum commitments of the owner towards the team players and the League, were I to successfully secure a team in the league. (printed overleaf)

I agree to follow the terms and conditions of the BGL with regards to composition of the team and understand that team match-ups and schedules are solely under the discretion of the tournament committee.

(Owner)
Name & Signature



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