



# 2025 Cardinal League Charter

## Cardinal Central Committee Standing Orders

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### Overview & Objectives

The Cardinals are a group of likeminded golf members of Laguna National Golf Resort who play weekly for the Cardinal League and end of year Cardinal Cup. The objective of the Cardinals is to play golf competitively and HAVE FUN doing it.

### **Cardinal Membership Terms & Conditions:**

- Member of Laguna National Golf & Country Club or a Cardinal alumnus paying applicable green fees and willing to play whenever they can, on Saturday with all other Cardinals. Attendance is expected but not enforced, however if you decide to play on Saturday outside the Cardinals, it is expected you let the group know out of courtesy;
- **Gamebook and Teamer:** Profiles created and maintained in the Gamebook & Teamer apps by each member;
- **Handicaps:** Handicaps are to be maintained in CHS using the World Handicap System (WHS). Cardinals that play golf at locations other than Laguna National Golf & CC, in Singapore, or internationally, are required to input all scores (on a hole-by-hole basis) into the SGA CHS Handicap system. If not a member of a golf club in Singapore, then into a golf handicap system approved by the Cardinal Central Golf and Rules Committee. If this has not been done upon return, the Cardinal Central Golf and Rules Committee shall allocate a Gamebook handicap.
- **Booking Participation:** Attendance is mandatory on booking calls with good faith attempts to secure bookings. Ideally, bookings will correlate with the amount of golf played. Failure to register attendance three (3) times could result in the Cardinal being disqualified from playing in the next weekly game to the extent there is a shortage of tee times (and such Cardinal shall earn no points for that week). Otherwise, a Cardinal who fails their respective booking attendance three (3) times shall be allowed to play in the next weekly game but will earn no Cardinal points for that game (*for the avoidance of doubt, the Cardinal shall be charged a S\$20 attendance fee regardless*).
- **Cardinal Puff:** The Cardinal Puff is an important component of the ethos of "The Cardinals". A Cardinal Puff is to be completed by the completion of The Open Championship. As many attempts and on as many occasions as needed are permitted. Failure to complete the Cardinal Puff by then will mean no more Cardinal League points until it is completed. Alternatively, a Cardinal may pay \$250 to achieve "Cardinal Puff" status and forever live with the shame of this option.
- **Alumni Play:** Cardinal Alumni are welcome to play with the group if visiting Laguna, subject to tee time availability and paying requisite green fees.



### **New Membership Terms & Conditions:**

- New entrants may be nominated by existing Cardinals from time to time. Nominations must be made to the Chief Cardinal by email only and shall contain a description of why the nominee is being nominated and why nominee will make a good addition to the Cardinals.
- New entrants should, at a minimum, exhibit the following characteristics of a Cardinal:
  - Diligently assists with bookings;
  - Plays Cardinal golf on a regular basis;
  - Socializes with the Cardinals on a regular basis; and,
  - Does their part to assist the league with special events, tours, etc.
- **Nomination:** An existing Cardinal is allowed to nominate one (1) new member at a time, during the authorised periodic voting dates;
- **Voting & Admission Dates:** Voting for new Cardinal nominees will be held by confidential online poll among all Cardinals (surveymonkey.com or similar acceptable provider) and shall take place when arranged by the Chief Cardinal.
  - A nominee must receive a minimum 2/3 vote by all active Cardinals (Cardinal Alumni cannot vote) in order to be confirmed as a new Cardinal member. New Cardinal membership shall start immediately, and a pro-rated League Entry Fee shall be due and payable and other Fiscal Obligations shall apply thereafter.
- Cardinal Membership is limited to 32 people.
- A change to the cap of 32 members requires a 2/3 vote by the Cardinal league membership.

### **Tee Time Booking System:**

- The Cardinal booking system divides all members into two groups: Classic and Masters. Due to impending course changes and restrictions be prepared to change this to "ROW" and "Europe".
- Each group will be required to coordinate the booking of flights in alternate weeks. The Booking Tzars will communicate the pod requirements each week.
- Tee times will be booked on Saturday evenings at 9pm the week prior to the Saturday game (1 week prior).
- Players must accept/decline on Teamer by 8:00 PM Wed the week prior to the Saturday 9PM tee time booking efforts (i.e., 3 days) to ensure we book the correct number of flights.
- If you forget to accept on Teamer and don't receive a spot, it is your responsibility to try to book a tee time.
- Any cancellations must be confirmed by Tuesday 12:00 PM prior (4 days prior) to the respective Saturday game. The Cardinal cancelling may be subject to cancellation fees.
- Guests are allowed upon availability on the Wednesday prior at 12:00 PM on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **Charter Non-Conformity:**



- In the unlikely and unfortunate event of a dispute between Cardinals or non-conformity with the Cardinal League Charter, the Cardinal Central Committee will outline a clear process for resolution which, if necessary, will include a majority decision from the Cardinal League membership.
- In all cases the Cardinal Central Committee's decision will be final.

#### **Cardinal Local Rules:**

- Play "ready golf": In effect at all times, including on the tee box, in the fairway and on the green.
- Adhering to the rules of golf and exemplifying golf etiquette at all times.
- Any putts conceded ('Gimmies') are subject to the Cardinal Gimmie Rule (within 24") and any competition rules.
- Players are encouraged to pick up once they cannot score a Stableford point on any given hole.
- When Laguna announces on the whatsapp channel that carts on paths is compulsory then the following rule of "lift, clean and place" on the fairways through the green applies. This rule applies from the time of the announcement and applies for the remainder of the day regardless of any changes to the carts on paths requirements.

#### **Rain Delay**

- In the event of course closure due to lightening or rain the following shall apply:
  - Upon announcement of the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive suspension of play on the Laguna Whatsapp channel (i.e. the first announcement and two extensions) there will be no points awarded for the Cardinal League for that week. If after the third consecutive delay a Cardinal decides to not finish their round they can do so without fine or punishment.
  - In this case the weekly prizes will still be awarded for those who decide to continue play with the delays.
  - If a rain delay extends up to or past 5:31pm, a Cardinal may elect to stop play at his/her discretion. He is not required to finish their round. Their current score in Gamebook shall apply, no matter how many holes have been played.
  - If at 6pm, a Cardinal has not been able to finish their game, a Cardinal may elect to stop play at his/her discretion. He is not required to finish their round. Their current score in Gamebook shall apply, no matter how many holes have been played.
- In the case of all other unforeseen circumstances, the Central Committee will make an executive decision, which will be final.

#### **Fiscal Obligations :**

- League Entry Fee: \$300 if paid by January 31<sup>st</sup>; \$400 thereafter.
- No league points are accrued until entry fee is paid; league points are not grandfathered. You must be eligible to earn points, in order to earn points.
- \$15 weekly registration fee during playing weeks - Must be paid on day of play otherwise Late Subs fine applies, and no points are accrued for the week.



- Infractions and fine amounts for the 2025 Cardinal season:

<b>Infraction</b>	<b>Fine (\$\$)</b>
<b>Cancellation / No Show (after Wed Noon prior to game)</b>	\$100 + any Club fee
<b>Turning up late, after playing partners tee off</b>	\$50
<b>Hitting someone with golf ball</b>	\$50
<b>Failure to update handicap on GB</b>	\$50
<b>Throwing up on-course</b>	\$50
<b>Bandit Fine (≥40 pts)</b>	\$30
<b>Amateur Fine (&lt;25 pts)</b>	\$30
<b>Late Subs</b>	\$20
<b>“Fashion Fine” - Failure to wear correct attire as outlined</b>	\$10
<b>Unable to reach Ladies tees</b>	\$10
<b>Air Shot</b>	\$10
<b>The ‘Gordo’ (Ladies + Air Shot)</b>	\$20
<b>Golf Etiquette Abuse</b>	\$20
<b>Course, Equipment, or Club Abuse</b>	\$10
<b>Booking Participation Absentee Fine</b>	\$10
<b>WhatsApp message board abuse (e.g. deleted messages, inappropriate Notice Board chat posting, etc.)</b>	\$10
<b>Gimme Fine – both ‘the gimme’ &amp; ‘the gimme-er’</b>	\$10
<b>Failing to notify playing outside Cardinal group on Saturday</b>	\$20



### **Election of the Leader of the Cardinals and Selection of the Cardinal Central Committee (“CCC”)**

Each year, the Cardinals will have the opportunity to elect a new leader, who will serve a maximum one-year term. The leader has full authority to select and establish the CCC for his term. No term limits exist for CCC members.

Election procedure:

1. The leader will open call for volunteers around mid-November.
2. Volunteers will be placed into an online voting system for the group to vote for their choice of leader. The polls will be open for a 7-day window.
3. In the event of a tie, a run-off poll will be conducted between the tied parties.
4. After the results of the election are finalised, the new leader will select and organise the CCC.
5. In the event of a tied runoff, the CCC make a final determination.

### **Cardinal Central Committee for the 2025 Cardinal Season:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Backup</b>
<b>Comrade Manzi</b>	Nathan Manzi	
<b>Gamebook Czars</b>	Kim Wittrog	Comrade
<b>Teamer Czars</b>	Nick Caldwell	
<b>Booking Czars</b>	Kimmy, Jimmy, Comrade	
<b>Treasurer &amp; Penalty Master</b>	Christopher Emslie	
<b>Score Keeper &amp; Leader Board</b>	Steve Eastman	Comrade Manzi
<b>Website Master</b>	Andrew Kemp	
<b>Subcommittees</b>		
<b>Tournament Committee</b>	Comrade Manzi, Brian Cook and Nick Caldwell	
<b>Match Play Events</b>	Pairs: Nico Singles: Gary	Comrade Manzi
<b>Overseas Tour</b>	TBD	Comrade Manzi
<b>Golf Rules / R&amp;A</b>	TC	
<b>Year End Planners</b>	Chris Emslie / Guillaume	Comrade Manzi



## Competitions for 2025:

- There are four (4) Cardinal competitions during the 2025 season:
  1. The Cardinal League Cup: an individual season league based on points awarded each week from individual stableford game. The winner is the Cardinal with the highest points at the end of the year.
  2. The Pairs Match Play Tournament will run in the first half of the year and be completed before the weekend of The Open Championship.
  3. The Individual Match Play Tournament will run in the second half of the year and finished by the weekend of the R2Dubai.
  4. The Grumpy Santa Christmas Stableford is awarded to the winner of the last day Stableford event.
- The following official Cardinal events are planned and coordinated as competitions in their own right, however do not contribute to points or consideration in the aforementioned competitions.
  1. Divisional Playoffs: This is a fun shoot out on the last day for three divisions based on stableford points, on 6 Dec 2025.
  2. The Overseas Tour, currently anticipated to be in OCTOBER 2025
  3. The Cardinal Challenge Cup will take place in September finishing on Ryder Cup weekend (No Cardinal League points will be awarded)<sup>3</sup>
- Additionally, there are events that are planned, organized and participated in as official Cardinal games, but do not contribute to the other official events. These include but are not limited to:
  1. Cardinals v Sultans matchplay
  2. Shamrocks matchplay
  3. Other golfing groups willing to take up the challenge, such as the Legends or Tanah Merah or Sentosa.

### **Competition 1: Cardinal League Cup**

- Year-long stableford contest to determine the Cardinal Champion.
- The league officially starts on 25 Jan 2025 and concludes on 15 Nov 2025.
- Points are awarded in accordance with the Cardinal League Points table in Appendix 1. Note that in 2025 the league points will be shared for ties.
- Double points are awarded for the nominated “majors” weeks as per Appendix 2: Cardinal 2025 Calendar. Double points are awarded for the tourists on the Cardinal Tour whilst those staying home get normal points for their game.
- Players will be deemed to have ‘signed an incorrect scorecard’ if their Gamebook handicap is not updated according to their SGA official handicap. A player will be disqualified, and points will be forfeited.



## **Divisional Playoffs**

- At the conclusion of the 15 Nov 2025 game, players will be split into the following groups and play for prizes at the end of year function:
  - Division A will include the top 10 ranked players
  - Division B will include the 11<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> ranked players
  - Division C will include all remaining players
- For the first two weeks the same Cardinal League point system is in play with double points awarded.
- The third week is a stableford shootout.
- The players in each division will play the shootout with a starting stableford score as per Appendix 1 and the net winners and runners up will receive prizes at the end of year function.

## **Competition 2: Pairs Matchplay Tournament**

- Format: 4-Ball Better Ball Handicap differential is based on 90% of the course handicap difference between players rounded to the nearest full stroke (with 0.5 rounded up).
- Pairs will be drawn from two pots based on handicap rankings on 1 Feb 2025. The first pot will contain the lowest handicap rankings and the second pot the higher handicap rankings. If there is an uneven number of entrants, the first name drawn will be given a bye in the first round and his partner will be drawn from all the first-round losers in the opposite group.
- Cardinals will be strongly encouraged to commit to this tournament and for those who know they are travelling and unable to support the finish of the tournament in time are to step aside.
- The winners of the previous year can compete as a pair to defend their title for the following season only. If they retain their title, they cannot defend it the following season.
- Handicaps as of the date the match is played and correctly updated in Gamebook.
- Matches can be played on either course and tees as agreed by both teams. If there is disagreement toss a coin.
- Tied games after 18 holes go back down the 1<sup>st</sup> hole that was played and carry on till one team wins a hole.
- Date: The competition is to be completed by the end of the weekend of The Open Championship. It is the responsibility of the first named team in each draw to arrange their matches before the deadlines that will be shared in the draw.
- Matches must be completed by the Play-by date stated on the draw sheet. Guidance for how to complete the matches is at Appendix 3.
- R&A four ball rules apply unless otherwise stated: <https://www.randa.org/en/rog/the-rules-of-golf/rule-23> . Note that the link to the R&A rules is on the Gamebook app.



### **Competition 3: Individual Matchplay Tournament**

- Format: Individual Matchplay
- Handicap differential is based on 100% of the course handicap difference between players rounded to the nearest full stroke (with 0.5 rounded up).
- If there is an uneven number of entrants, the defending champion will be given the first bye, any remaining byes will be given to the next name(s) drawn out of the hat.
- Handicaps are as of the date the match is played.
- Matches can be played on either course and tees as agreed by both players. If there is disagreement toss a coin.
- Tied games after 18 holes go back to the 1<sup>st</sup> hole that was played and carry on till someone wins a hole.
- Date: The competition is to be completed by the end of the weekend of Race2Dubai. It is the responsibility of the first named player in each draw to arrange their matches before the deadlines that will be shared in the draw.
- Matches must be completed by the Play-by date stated on the draw sheet.
- R&A match play rules apply unless otherwise stated: <https://www.randa.org/rog/the-rules-of-golf>  
Note that the link to the R&A rules is on the Gamebook app.

#### **For both Pairs Matchplay and Individual Matchplay tournaments, if by the Play By date a definitive result has not been achieved the following will be used to determine the winner:**

- 1) If an attempted match has completed at least 14 holes before being abandoned due to lightening or rain delays, then the score at that point becomes the final result.
- 2) If (1) above has not been achieved, scores in the last completed Cardinal round played by each of the players should be used – in singles a ‘blind’ match can be worked out from the Gamebook scores for the round. For the Pairs event, the higher combined stableford scores for each pairing to be used to determine the winner.
- 3) If neither of the above is possible and the contestants can’t agree an alternative (eg putt off or chip off on the practice green) the winner should be determined by coin toss.

### **Competition 4: The Cardinal Challenge Cup 2024**

Date & Format: To be matched to the Ryder Cup event in 2025, Team Competition.

- This year, the Challenge Cup will follow the Ryder Cup format and will be played on the 27<sup>th</sup> September. [OR 20<sup>th</sup> September and 27<sup>th</sup> September if course restrictions deem it].
- This will be a 36-hole competition between a European Cardinal and a ‘Rest of the World’ Cardinal team.





- First Round Format – 4-ball match play (5 matches).
- Second Round Format – Singles match play (10 matches).
- Each match is worth one point, with matches ending in a draw worth ½ point to each side. The first team to reach 8.0 points wins the Cup. If the competition ends in a 7.5-7.5 draw, the team holding the Cup retains it.
- Note that Captains do have the option to play different team members in each of the two rounds.

### **Eligibility & Teams**

- All Cardinals participating in the Cardinal League will be eligible to make the teams.
- Cardinal players will be distributed to respective teams according to passport country. Dual passport holders will make a selection to their preferred country.
- The EU Team will be made up from the top 8 players from the Cardinal EU ranking after 13<sup>th</sup> September and completed by 2 Captain's picks.
- The ROW Team will be made up from the top 8 players from the Cardinal ROW ranking after 13<sup>th</sup> September and completed by 2 Captain's picks.
- Note that Captains do have the option to play different team members in each of the two rounds in the event ten (10) players are not available for both rounds.

### **Winners & Losers**

- The losing team will host and pay for the dinner of the winning team on 27<sup>th</sup> September.
- Those not playing in the Cardinal Challenge Cup 2023 will be responsible for their own account.

### **Competition 5: The Annual Tour**

Date and Format: TBD, anticipated to be late October (in SE Asia region), Team Competition

- Three rounds of golf or more at a location yet to be confirmed. Note that scores for each round to be input into CHS or WHS as per the Handicap rule stipulated above.
- All Cardinals are encouraged to participate, and every effort will be made to schedule accordingly.
- The Saturday game of the Tour will be an official Cardinal event and will be awarded Double points for the Cardinal League as per Appendix 1.
- Participating Cardinals will be divided into two teams and an inter-tour competition will be created.



## Appendix 1

Points are awarded each weekend. In 2025 points are only awarded for the individual stableford competition. Unlike other years there will be NO points awarded from Side Games or matchplay events. The points awarded is as follows:

Points System	
1st	200
2nd	140
3rd	110
4th	90
5th	80
6th	70
7th	60
8th	50
9th	40
10th	30
11th	20
12th	20
13th	20
14th	20
15th	20
16th	20
17th	20
18th	20
19th	20
20th	20
21 <sup>st</sup> and over	10

### Notes:

- Selected "majors" weekends are Double Points
- Tour points are Double the Home Game points on the same weekend
- Points awarded as per GameBook rankings. Ties will have points shared, eg: Two (2) tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place will have 170 points allocated to each player ( $200 + 140 / 2 = 170$ )



Divisional Playoff will end with a shoot out on the last day based on the rankings from the last week of the year (29 Nov 2025):

Ranking in each Division	Starting Stableford points
1st	5
2nd	4
3rd	3
4th	2
5th	2
6th	1
7th	1
8th	0
9th	0
10th	0

*Note: The Grumpy Santa is awarded based on Stableford score and not the “modified” results from divisional play off*



## Appendix 2

### Cardinal 2025 Calendar v3

Month	Day	Event	Course	Tees	Notes	Side Games
January	25th	2025 Start	Masters	Blue		
February	1st	CNY Major	Classic	Hybrid	Double Points and Fines Gordo and Chris E 50th	Irish Rumble
	8th		Masters	Blue		
	15th		Classic	Hybrid	Note: Medal on 16th	Pairs stableford (rand
	22nd		Masters	Blue		
March	1st		Classic	Hybrid		TBD
	8th		Masters	Rainbow		
	15th	LIV SG Major	Masters	Blue	Double Points and Fines	Irish Rumble
	22nd	Nil			Course Clsoed Porsche Classic	
	29th		Classic	Hybrid	End Pairsd matchplay first round Note: Medal on 30th	TBD
April	5th		Classic	White		
	12th	US Masters Major	Classic	Blue	Double Points and Fines	Erado
	19th		Masters	TBD	Note: Medal on 20th	
	26th		Classic	Hybrid		TBD
May	3rd		Classic	Rainbow		
	10th		Classic	Hybrid	Note: Medal on 11th	
	17th	US PGA Major	Classic	Hybrid	Double Points and Fines	Best Ball 2 scores
	24th		Masters	TBD		
	31st		Classic	Hybrid	End Pairs matchplay QF	TBD
June	7th		Classic	Hybrid		
	14th	US Open Major	Classic	Blue	Double Points and Fines. Medal on 15th	Irish Rumble
	21st		Masters	TBD		
	28th		Classic	Hybrid	End Pairs Semi Finals Note: Club Matchplay Rd 1	TBD
July	5th		Classic	Hybrid		
	12th		Classic	Hybrid	SG Ladies Masters - on Masters, course closed??	
	19th	The Open Major	Classic	Hybrid	Double Points and Fines. End Pairs Matchplay Medal on 20th. Cardinal Puff cut off end of play 20th @ The Open	Best Ball 3 scores
	26th		Classic	Rainbow	End Singles First round Note: Club Matchplay Rd 2	
August	2nd		Masters	TBD		
	9th	SG National Day Major	Classic	White	Double Points and Fines	Erado
	16th		Classic	Hybrid	Note: Medal on 17th	
	23rd		Classic	Hybrid	Note: Club Matchplay Rd 3	
	30th		Classic	Blue	End Singles Second Round	TBD
September	6th		Classic	Hybrid		
	13th		Masters	TBD	Note: Club Champs Rd1 and Rd2 on 14th	TBD
	20th	[Challenge Cup]	Classic	Hybrid	[4BBB]. Note: Club Champs Rd3 on 21st	
	27th	Challenge Cup	Classic	Hybrid	4BBB and Matchplay	
October	4th		Classic	Hybrid	End Singles QF	TBD
	11th		Classic	White	Note: Medal on 12th	
	18th	Tour??	Classic	Hybrid	TBD	
	25th		Classic	Hybrid	Note: Club Matchplay Final	TBD
November	1st		Masters	TBD	End Singles SemiFinals	
	8th		Classic	Hybrid		
	15th	Race2Dubai Major	Classic	Hybrid	Final League round, Double Points and Fines. End Singles Matchplay Final Note: Medal on 16th	Duplicate Stableford
	22nd	Divisional round	Classic	Hybrid	Double points	
	29th	Divisional round	Masters	TBD	Double points. Note: Chairman's Cup	
Dec	6th	Xmas Shootout	Classic	Hybrid	Divisional shootouts and Grumpy Santa	Grumpy Santa
	13th	Xmas Scramble	Classic*	White	Social two man scramble	

Note we expect course conditions to change due to works on Masters (updated after works confirmed)

The preference is to play Challenge Cup on 27th with an option to split it if the course is restricted



## Appendix 3

### Matchplay Guidance

It is impossible to legislate for all events and contingencies, hence the below are referred to as Guidelines. The Competition Committee has any final say in adjudicating any disputes or issues surrounding these competitions:

1. Players should only enter the Singles or Pairs if they can commit to the deadlines set out for each round.
2. The deadline for completion of each round of the two Matchplay competitions are set out on the Matchplay Ladder
3. Players will be obliged to play their respective matches as quickly as possible to adhere to the above-mentioned deadlines.
4. The Saturday draw convenor is obliged to match up available players as soon possible. The onus is on the players to inform the Saturday draw convenor of their pending match. Should all players be available on a certain Saturday morning they must play their match and the Convenor must be informed so he may draw them together. The exception being Rainbow rounds and other Saturdays deemed 'exceptional' by the Draw Convenor.
5. Should a match not be played by the deadlines (as mentioned above) the players should make their case to the Competitions Committee. Note that the Committee will be obliged to opine and dependant on the willingness and availability of players leading up to the deadline the Competitions Committee may decide that a) all players are disqualified; b) one half of the match will be disqualified; c) the result will be determined by a coin toss; or in very exceptional circumstances a further extension will be granted.
6. Those Cardinals who regularly play on a Saturday afternoon should make themselves available to play Matchplay matches on Saturday morning as and when required by opponents in Matchplay competitions.
7. Injuries. Where players are injured the Competition Committee may conduct a draw of available (defeated players) to replace an injured player. Should the two competitions be under time pressure (as has happened in previous years) the Competitions Committee has the discretion to simply determine that the non-injured golfer(s) are the winner and should proceed to the next round.
8. Pairs will be drawn from one high handicap and one low handicap.